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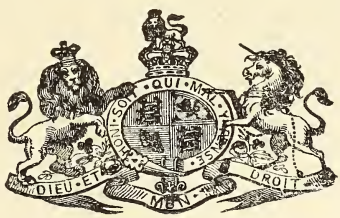

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INTRODUCTION.

CONSISTING of (*a.*) Books, (*b.*) Charters and Letters Patent, (*c.*) Deeds, Municipal and Private, (*d.*) Letters and Loose Memoranda, and (*e.*) Rolls and Miscellaneous Documents, the manuscripts belonging to the Corporation of Southampton, like the muniments of several of our other provincial municipalities, have been recovered from extreme confusion, and reduced to order at the instance of the Commission on Historical Manuscripts.

(*a.*) *Books.*—Of the 504 MS. volumes belonging to the Corporation, the most deserving of consideration are—(1) *The Oak Book,* exhibiting on 60 vellum leaves, in penmanship of the time of Edward the Second, the ancient Laws, Ordinances, and Customs of the town of Southampton; (2.) *The Black Book,* otherwise styled *Liber Niger nigro carbone notatus,* otherwise styled *Niger Papyrus,* otherwise styled *The Blak Papyr,* a large folio of Municipal Remembrances, that was used for the enrolment of acknowledgments of deeds from the 16th of Richard the Second to the 12th year of Elizabeth; (3.) A curious treatise in English verse *On The Philosopher's Stone and Aurum Potabile,* the manuscript being the performance of a fifteenth century copyist; (4.) the *Book of Remembrances of the Town of Southampton,* from the year of grace 1445 to the time of James the First, containing a characteristic memorandum of the pious observances with which the people of the borough returned thanks in the 2nd year of Henry the Seventh for the birth of the sovereign's first-born son; (5) the *Liber de Finibus ville Suthampton* from 1489 to 1593 A.D., affording particulars of the costs and charges incurred by the town for Queen Elizabeth's entertainment in 1569 A.D.; (6) the *Book of Oaths, Ordinances, and Burgesses's Admissions* from 1496 to 1794 A.D., affording in its records of admissions numerous *data* that may be serviceable to the future biographers of the more memorable of the eminent persons who during that period condescended to accept the franchise of the borough; (7) the *Book of Remembrances* from 1591 to 1689 A.D.; and (8) the imperfect series of

Assembly Books, that afford many curious illustrations of the social life of the borough in the seventeenth century. Of the minor minutes of these last-mentioned folios few are more startling than the orders given to churwomen (*sic.*), to place themselves in regular service, if they would escape whipping. For instance, on 28th April 1615, "Mary Quinton a churwoman was this daie sent for to this house and charged to gett herselfe into service presentlie uppon payne of a whippinge." On the same day, two other churwomen were ordered "at their peril" to place themselves in domestic service within the next month. In the ensuing report extracts are given from all the afore-mentioned books. Notice is also taken in the same report of (1) the folio of the Letters that passed between John Flamsteed of the Greenwich Observatory and his friend William Molyneux, the Dublin mathematician, from 2nd September 1681 to 10th May 1690, and (2) the Letter Book of Samuel Molyneux, of Trinity College, Dublin, containing copies of letters interchanged by Samuel Molyneux and his scientific friends between 9th January 1707 and 19th December 1709.

(*b.*) *Charters and Letters Patent.*—Opening with a charter dated by King John to his burgesses of Southampton in the first year of his reign, the collection of Charters and Letters Patent comprises fifty-eight several writings, one of the more interesting of them being the Letters Patent of the Exemplification (13 Feb., 2 Henry V.) of the enrolment, on the roll of the last parliament, of the petition of the burgesses of Southampton to the King for a diminution of their burdens, together with the sovereign's reply to the prayer.

(*c.*) *Deeds, Municipal and Private.*—Consisting, for the most part, of documents of strictly local significance and interest, that may be serviceable to future historians of the borough, and will not fail to afford some measure of entertainment to the Hampshire antiquaries, but have no claim to be rated with important historical evidences, the large assemblage of writings, catalogued under "Deeds, Municipal and Private," comprises matters of higher moment and value in (1) the Indenture of the Agreement, made on 13 July, 13 Edward III., between Edward the Black Prince of the one part and Thomas Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, of the other part, for the safe keeping of the town of Southampton, with lists of the men-at-arms and archers under the Earl's command at Southampton, from the 25th of July to the 25th of August in that year; (2) the Indenture of the Agreement, made 31st December, 42 Edward III., at Farnham, in the diocese of Win-

chester, between William of Wykeham of the one part, and the Mayor and the Community of Southampton of the other part, for the observance of ordinances and agreements for cessation from business in the said town during the fairs held yearly at St. Giles's Hill, near the City of Winchester; (3) the Indenture of a curious agreement, by way of a marriage settlement, made on 10 May, 2 Henry IV., between William Lelham "dominum de Grove" and his wife Cecilia of the one part, and John Benet of Oxford, cook, of the other part, in anticipation of the marriage of William Lelham (son and heir of the aforesaid William) with Juliana, daughter of the said John Benet; and (4) the remarkable Letters of Evidence, dated by John Ingler, Mayor of New Salisbury, on 2 December, 18 Edward IV., touching the testament of the late William Nycoll, sometime burgess and merchant of Southampton, and setting forth the circumstances under which the said William Nycoll's hand was used fraudulently for the sealing of a certain deed of enfeoffment, and certain letters of attorney for livery of seisin, when he was so completely *in extremis* that "his wittes were passed away and mynde allso so that he nother herd sey spake nor made any signe or tokene thereto to knowleiche"; it being alleged in the same Letters of Evidence that this fraud was committed by certain persons conspiring to compass the disinherison of the testator's niece 'Alice,' "the whiche was weddyd to a bondeman at Twyford."

(*d.*) *Letters and Loose Memoranda.*—It is for the writings, catalogued under this heading in the ensuing report, that the Southampton MSS. are especially deserving of the consideration of historical students. Opening with letters dated under the sign manual and signet of Henry the Sixth, the goodly show of privy seals, sign manuals, and bills prepared for the sovereign's signature, described in the earlier pages of the catalogue, comprises seven writings under the sign manual and signet of Edward the Fourth, eight writings of the same kind by Richard the Third, one by Henry the Seventh, five by Henry the Eighth, and one by Edward the Sixth, in all, twenty-three sign manuals. The letters so dated by Richard will not fail to arrest and hold the attention of readers. Beginning with letters, dated before Richard's accession to the throne, to the Mayor of Southampton, this remarkable assemblage of epistles by a sovereign, whose sign manuals are not plentiful, comprises an epistle dated to the Mayor, Sheriff, and Aldermen of Southampton on the 13th of October in the first year of the sovereign's reign, and running in these words.

"Trusty and welbelowed, we grete you wele, and let you wit that the Duc of Buckingham is tratorously turned upon us contrary to the deutie of his liegeaunce and entendith thutter distruccion of us, you, and alle othre our trewe subgiettes that have taken oure part, whose traiterus entent we with Goddes grace entend briefly to resist and subdue. Pray you hertly therefore and naithles upon your leigeaunce charge you that with as many as ye may reise and make in defensible array on horsbak ye do sende to be with us at our Citie of Coventre the xxii day of this present moneth withouten faile in any wise as ye tendre our honnour and your owne wele, and we shall soo see to you for your reward and charges, as ye shal hold you right wele content. Yeven under our signet at our Citie of Lincoln the xiii day of Octobre." The series of Richard's epistles to the people of Southampton closes with the letters for the seizure of seditious bills and the arrest of seditious speakers, dated under his sign manual and signet to the Mayor and his brethren of the town on 5th April 1485, and running in these words:—"Trusty and Welbiloved We grete you wele, And wher it is soo that diverses sedicious and evil disposed personnes both in our citie of London and elliswhere within this our Reame enforced thaymself dailly to sowe sede of noyse and dislaundre ayenst our persoune and ayenst many of the lordes and estates of our landes, to abuse the multitude of our subgiettes, and averte thaire myndes from us if they coude by any mean attaigne to that thaire mischevous entent and pourpos, somme by setting up of billes, some by messages and sending furth of fals and abhominable languages and lyes, somme by bold and presumptuous open speche and comitacioun oon with othre, Wherethurgh the innocent people, which wold lyve in rest and peax and truly under our obeissance, as thay ought to doo, be greatly abused and oftentymes put in daunger of their lifes, landes, and goodes as ofte as thay folowe the steppis and advises of the said sedicious and myschevous personnes to our great hevinesse and pitie, For remedie whereof and to thentent the trouth openly declared shuld represse al such fals and continued invencions, We now of late called us the Maire and Aldremen of our Citie of London, togidre with the moost sadde and discrete personnes of the same citie in great nombre being present, many of the Lordes spirituel and temporall of our land and the substance of al our houshold to whom We largely shewed our trewe entente and mynde in al suche thinges as the said noyse and disclaundre ronne upon, in

such wise as We doubt not, al wele disposed persounes were and bee right wele content with, Wher we also at the same tyme yave straitly in charge aswele to the said Maire as to al othre our officers servantes and feithful subgettes Whersover they be that from hensforth as often as they finde any persoune speking of us or any othre lord or estate of this our land othrwise than is according to honour, trouth, and peax and restfulnesse of this oure Reame, or telling of talys and tidinges Wherby the people myght bee stirred to commocions and unlawful assembles, or any strife and debate aryse betwix lord and lord or us any of the lordes and estates of this our land, thay take and arreste the same persoune unto to the tyme he have brought forth hym or thaym of whom he understode that that soo is spoken and soo proceeding from oon to othre unto the tyme the furst auctor and maker of the said sedicious speche and language be taken attached and punisshed according to his defautes, and that Whosoever furst fynde any sedicious bille sette up in any place he take it down and without redyng or shewyng the same to any othre persoune bring it furthwith to us or somme of the Lordes or othre of our Counsaill, all which direccions, charges, and commandements, so by us taken and geven by our mouth in our Citie of London, We notifie unto you by these our lettres to thentent that ye shewe the same within al the places of your jurisdiccioun, and see ther the due execucioun of the same from tyme to tyme, as ye wol eschewe our grevous indignacioun and answer to as at your extreme perelles. Yeven undre our signet in our Citie of London the vth day of Aprile." Amongst the one hundred and twenty-seven more or less noteworthy writings described in this catalogue after the notices of the royal letters, the searcher of the Southampton archives comes upon epistles by Nicholas Holmage [*alias* Holmegge], W. Clerk, and Richard Gryme, Mayors of Southampton in the time of Henry the Sixth, and letters from Lords of the Council *temp.* Henry VIII., Edward VI., Elizabeth, James I., and Charles the First. That the Southampton archives have proved so rich in historic letters is the more remarkable, because no inhabitant of the town was aware of the existence of these particular writings, until they came to light during the inspection that was made of the muniments of the borough by the inspector of the Commission.

(*e.*) *Rolls and Miscellaneous Documents.*—With a single exception, the Southampton Rolls are comparatively unimportant;

but the single exception, the Roll of the Account of John Bentham, steward of the town, from Michaelmas, 7 Henry VI., to Michaelmas, 8 Henry VI., is a record to be examined no less carefully by general students of our social history than by annalists of the particular community to which it pertains.

Though it preserves no bundles of personal correspondence, and is poor in respect to several kinds of manuscripts, for which some collections of municipal writings are chiefly valuable, the King's Lynn muniment-room possesses in its Hall Books (beginning with the famous Red Register, 35 Edw. I. to 19. Ric. II.), and in certain of its Letters Patent and corporate indentures, a body of evidences that should be examined by students who would observe the constitutional growth and social life of the boroughs of medieval England. It has also in its Chamberlain's Accounts and Trinity Gild Rolls, an assemblage of records that are of inferior moment to students, only because successive antiquaries have done so much more for the sufficient exhibition of their most interesting particulars. That the Hall Books have hitherto missed the proper share of attention is the more surprising, because in a well known letter which was published so long since as 1832, in the Transactions of the Royal Society of Antiquaries, the late Mr. Hudson Gurney gave our constitutional historians to understand that it would be worth their while to examine the volumes of which he spoke at second hand. The epistle which showed that at least on two occasions in Henry the Sixth's reign the parliamentary burgesses of Bishop's Lynn were chosen by a committee of twelve men of the borough, created no appetite for a larger measure of information respecting the electoral usages of the Norfolk town; and the length of the period is only now ascertained, during which the burgesses of parliament for Lynn appear from the records of the corporation to have been usually, if not invariably, chosen by a committee of twelve persons, and also to set forth the extent of the much longer period during which the ordinary freemen of the borough, the burgesses at large as they were disdainfully designated in the seventeenth century, had no direct voice in choosing the parliamentary representatives of their municipality. From an entry in the Red Register, it appears that on 9th October, 48 Edw. III., a committee of twelve burgesses made choice of Robert Bathe

and John Waryn, to attend the parliament as the representatives of Bishop's Lynn. Two years later (50 Edw. III.), John Dockyngg and Thomas . . . . (his surname has vanished from the defaced record) were in like manner selected for parliamentary service by a committee of twelve persons, appointed to choose two fit and proper burgesses to attend the King's parliament. Henceforth to Henry the Eighth's time, all the persons, whose elections to serve the borough as burgesses of parliament are recorded in the extant archives of the municipality, were chosen for that purpose by a committee of twelve individuals, taken from the ruling body of the borough, whether that body consisted (as it did till the eighth year of Henry the Fifth) of twenty-four jurats, or of the "twenty-four" jurats and a subordinate council of "twenty-seven" burgesses chosen yearly from the nine constabularies of the town (viz., three representatives for each constabulary), in accordance with the concessions made in 8 Hen. V. to the burgesses of Lynn by their lord, the Bishop of Norwich. The precise year of the last of these elections of parliamentary burgesses made by a committee of twelve does not appear. But, though burgesses of parliament for the borough were so chosen in the 1st and 3rd years of Henry VIII., the practice of electing parliamentary representatives by a committee appointed for the purpose was nearing its end. On 31st March, 14 Hen. VIII., instead of being elected by a committee, Mr. Thomas Miller and Mr. Bewshere were chosen to serve the borough in parliament by a majority of "the twenty-four" and "the twenty-seven;" and from this date the searcher of the Hall Books comes upon no evidence of a revival of a usage, that seems to have been the invariable method of making elections of this kind from the time of Edward the Third, and may have originated in the 7th year of Edward II., when a congregation of the burgesses appointed a committee of twenty-six persons to elect twelve of the more sufficient individuals of the community, to make provision in respect to all business touching the borough in the King's parliament and elsewhere.

The practice of electing parliamentary representatives by a committee having thus come to an end in the time of Henry the Eighth, elections of that kind were henceforth, till the middle of the seventeenth century, made by the ruling burgesses at congregations, specially summoned for the purpose. This change of electoral practice was followed at a brief interval by the charter dated on 27th June, 16 Henry VIII., for the reconstitution

of the borough, a measure that, abolishing the ancient council of "the twenty-four" jurats and the subordinate council of "the twenty-seven" representatives of the constabularies, replaced them with a court of twelve aldermen and a court of eighteen common councilmen. Thus reconstituted the municipal assembly, or "this House" as it is usually styled in the Hall Books, kept the right of electing burgesses of parliament in its own hands no less tenaciously and exclusively, than "the House" of "the twenty-four" and "the twenty-seven" had held the same privilege, to the exclusion of the inferior burgesses from participation in the power of choosing the parliamentary representatives of the community. None the less for the reconstitution of the borough were the burgesses at large, viz., the freemen who were neither aldermen nor common councilmen, shut out from the parliamentary franchise. Chosen by "the House," taking their wages at various rates from "the House," and holding communication on parliamentary matters with "the House" and no other body of the townspeople, the members of parliament for the borough regarded themselves as responsible only to "the House" and as in no way under an obligation to consider the wishes or to study the feelings of the burgesses, who were not "of the House." That this state of things lasted to the revolutionary period of the 17th century appears from the abundant testimony of the Hall Books. But that the "burgesses at large" not only asserted their right to vote at the elections of their parliamentary representatives, but exercised the right in 1640, is shown by the Order of the Commons House of Parliament, dated 15th Oct. 1642, which required the mayor, aldermen, and common council of King's Lynn to "pay and allowe out of the towne stocke as formerly unto John Percevall and Thomas Toll their burgesses, for this present parliament, as lardge an allowance per diem as they heretofore allowed any of their aldermen that hath bene burgesses in parliament for that towne, *notwithstanding the freemen of the towne had their voyces in the choice of the said John Percivall and Tho. Toll to be their burgesses for this present parliament.*" During the years, that intervened between the election of these last-named parliamentary burgesses and the choice of members for the first parliament to meet after Charles the Second's restoration, the question of the right of the "burgesses at large" to vote at such elections was a source of much contention amongst the keener politicians of the borough.

From the wording of a municipal order (8 September, 1649) touching the election, it seems that the burgesses-at-large took part in the choice of the Earl of Salisbury to be a parliamentary burgess for King's Lynn; for whilst the order represents that "the House" granted the Earl the freedom of the burgh, it adds that "the cominalty of the burgh hath elected him a burgess "of the parliamentt of England." But in August, 1656, General John Desbrow and Major-General Phillip Skippon were chosen burgesses of parliament for the borough by the municipal "house," without the co-operation of the mere freemen; and on the 11th of the next month it was ordered by the mayor, aldermen, and common council "that Mr. John Horsnell of London be sent unto by this house as their solicitor in this behalfe to attende upon the Committee of Previledges at Westminster to make good this house's auncient custom of electing of burgesses to set in parliament, and that an abbreviate of the records be sent up to him in order to his prosecution of the same." That the decision of the Committee of Privileges favoured the claims of the house may be inferred from successive entries in the Hall Books. In the several ensuing elections that preceded the King's restoration the freemen at large seem to have had no share. On 19th Dec., 1656, Sir John Thorowgood was chosen to be a burgess of parliament by "this house." In like manner on the 3rd of Jan. 1658, Mr. Toll and Captain Griffith Lloyd were chosen burgesses of parliament for King's Lynn by the "mayor, aldermen, and common council," though "several burgesses of this burrough of the commons at large" appeared at the town-hall and requested that they might be allowed to take part in the election. On this occasion, after considering the claims and arguments of the petitioners, and before proceeding to the election of the members who were in due course chosen, the governing body of the corporation came to a recorded judgment "that the right of election of the said burgesses is at present in this house according to the aforesaid order" (viz., the Order of the Committee of Privileges and the Parliament). But on 16th April, 1660, yielding to another demonstration of sentiment on the part of the "burgesses at large," the House decided that, for the present election, and without prejudice in coming time to the ancient right and custom of the Assembly, the mere freemen should be permitted to vote; the record of this remarkable concession running in the Hall Book in these words, "Whereas Mr. Mayor hath this day caused a Common Hall to be warned in order to the elec-

tion of burgesses to serve in parliament to be houlden at Westminster and severall of the members of the House being mett together in this House, divers of the free burgesses of this burgh came and requested that they might be admitted to elect burgesses as theire right, which being taken into consideration this house doth think fitt for the present satisfaction of the people to suffer the commons to elect, and to wave the election in this house for this present election." Having thus yielded to popular feeling for a single turn, the ruling body of the corporation never again ventured to exclude the mere freemen from proceedings for the choice of parliamentary burgesses. The practical effect of this tardy concession, which implied the existence of a dormant right in the populace who had for successive centuries been prevented from exercising it, was that the freemen at large were admitted to the franchise without any parliamentary enactment for their enfranchisement.

In their orders and other memoranda, touching the payment of members of parliament, the King's Lynn Hall Books preserve several matters to be considered by social historians. Changing with the gradual depreciation of current money, the wages paid to burgesses of parliament for the borough rose from two to five shillings a day to each burgess, for each day spent either in attendance on the parliament, or in travelling to or fro between the parliament or the borough ; and in a few cases the municipal allowance to a burgess of parliament was as much as ten shillings a day. On his election to represent the borough in parliament, Sir Robert Hitcham, Anne of Denmark's attorney-general and judge of the county-palatine of Ely, undertook to serve the borough gratuitously ; in consideration of which tender care for their pecuniary resources the corporation, on the occasion of his passing through the town on his way to Ely in July 1610, entertained lawyer handsomely and gave him a gratuity of twenty pounds. Four years later the Mayor of Lynn, by a municipal order dated 20th June, 1614, was "allowed for his burgis wages for every day wherein he served this last parliament the sum of tenne shillinges per day," it being noted in the memorandum that "he went from hence the first of Aprill last and returned the xi of June next following." In December 1620, on the election of Mr. Matthewe Clark and Mr. John Wallis, two aldermen of the corporation, to serve as parliamentary burgesses, it was ordered with the same excessive or at least unusual liberality "that either of the said burgesses shall have for their wages

tenne shillings for every day of the said parliament and for every day of their traveill outward and homeward." It does not appear whether the exceptional magnitude of these three allowances was due to exceptional circumstances. Anyhow, though the House of Commons in 1642 ordered the Mayor, aldermen, and common council of King's Lynn to pay their then burgesses, Messrs. John Percevall and Thomas Toll, "as lardge an allowance per diem as they have heretofore allowed any of their aldermen that have been burgesses of parliament for that towne," the municipal house had no regard for the munificence, shown to the Mayor in 1614, and to Messrs. Clark and Wallis in 1620, in ordering the wages of Messrs. Percevall and Toll, who each received five shillings a day and no more for parliamentary service from the borough treasurer.

A curious and instructive view of the dissensions and rivalries, that troubled the inhabitants of Lynn (Bishops Lenn as the borough was then styled) in the fifteenth century, is afforded by the Inspeximus dated 25th Nov., 14 Henry IV. (*vide* pp. 191 to 194) of a memorandum touching certain decrees, made by Thomas Archbishop of Canterbury and Lord Chancellor upon certain discords and controversies between divers of the Potentiores of Bishop's Lenn of the one part and the Mayor, burgesses, and community of the other part, respecting certain oppressions and extortions committed by the said "potentiores" on the said Mayor, burgesses, and community. From this remarkable record it may be seen how the inhabitants of the little borough were not only historically divisible, but were sharply and hardly divided into three several orders, styled respectively the Potentiores, the Mediocres, and the Inferiores *non* Burgenses, and how these three classes were so rigidly defined, and their respective members so precisely catalogued, that it was known to every man of them, and to all his acquaintance, to which of the three orders he belonged. Further information respecting the feuds and discords, that stirred the rival classes in the same period of the borough's history, may be gathered (*vide* pp. 195 to 203) from the Exemplification, dated 2 June, 4 Henry V., of a certain instrument for the revocation of divers new ordinances and constitutions, and for the re-establishment of the ancient constitutions and customs, for the election of officers in the town of Bishops Lenn. Devised and established in the interest of municipal peace though they were, the new ordinances and constitutions made matters so much worse, and especially so by rendering

quarrels fiercer and spites more rancorous, that in the opinion of the townspeople, or at least in the judgment of the prevailing party of the borough, it was needful to abolish them utterly, in order to recover the town from evils that threatened it with quick destruction. A few years later (8 Henry V., *vide* pp. 245, 246) a better remedy for the insolence of the jurats, and the passionate discontent of the poorer burgesses and other inferior inhabitants of the town, was devised by the Bishop of Norwich, when he established the annually elected common-council of "the twenty-seven," in order that, in respect to taxes for the sovereign and talliages for local charges and necessities, the populace of the nine constabularies should not be left completely at the mercy of the jurats, who were invariably drawn from the overbearing Potentiores. If they were not wholly wanting in the virtues, it is manifest from earlier records of the community that the Potentiores were not wholly exempt from the failings, of a dominant class. It indicates the spirit in which they dealt with the meaner freemen and the unenfranchised residents of their town, that in the 33rd year of Edward the First, they were at pains to procure Letters Patent under the great seal of "Pardon and Release" (*vide* p. 187) "to the burgesses of Lenn, in respect to all trespass, &c. said to have been done by them in assessing divers talliages on the community of the said town, without the unanimous consent of the same community, and in levying the same talliages from the poor and but moderately endowed men of the same community, and other great sums under colour of certain common fines, heretofore made by them for divers causes, beyond the sums to which the same fines extended themselves, and in converting to their own use, and not to the advantage of the said community, nor to the corporation of the same town, a great part of the same talliages and other different sums of money formerly levied in the same town, as well by occasion of the aforesaid fines as by occasion of murage granted unto them" by the Crown. In the composition made a few years later (October, 3 Edward II.), between the Bishop of Norwich of the one part and the Mayor and community of the town of Lenne of the other part, it was especially provided, for the correction of the extortionate disposition of the Potentiores and for the fairer treatment of the Mediocres of the community and of the Inferiores *non* Burgesses of the town, that the mayor and community should henceforth cease to exact from the poorer people of the place such immoderate "taskes and

tallyages unleeful and unresonable grevous," as had heretofore been put "by the grete men of the towne aforesaid upon the mene peple and the povere to their oppression and hyndryng." The Potentiores having shown themselves thus greedy and rapacious, it was well alike for them and their victims, when the Bishop, as Lord of Bishop's Lenne, empowered the more numerous but feeble folk to vote yearly for the twenty-seven representatives, without whose concurrence the hitherto unbridled jurats should henceforth be powerless to settle the assessments of such taxes as tenths and fifteenths, or of sums to be levied within the borough for repairs of houses, walls, bridges, watercourses, and other local charges.

HISTORICAL MANUSCRIPTS COMMISSION.

THE MANUSCRIPTS OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON.

THE Southampton muniments were found by the present inspector in a state of disorder, which caused him (after working for some time upon them) to represent to the local authorities, that the difficulty of examining so large an assemblage of records would be greatly diminished by preliminary measures for their needful arrangement. Taking the same view of the case, and accepting the suggestion in the spirit that animated them in every stage of a business, which occasioned them no little inconvenience, the Town Council forthwith invited me to put the writings in order at the charge of the Corporation, and, assigning to my use the large committee room, adjoining their Council Chamber, lost no time in fitting it with an enormous table, made of planks and tressels, strong enough to bear the weight of a large and heavy pile of books and unbound documents, whilst it at the same time afforded sufficient space for sorting the multifarious evidences. Fortunately no large proportion of the manuscripts had been injured by damp or rodentia; and as most of the records had been preserved in closely fitting cases, the labour of reducing them to order was attended with no excessive discomfort from dust and dirt. Comparatively free from mould and rot, the miscellaneous writings were upon the whole a cleanly and well-kept body of muniments, but their confusion was so complete that six weeks were spent in sorting and labelling the books and unbound documents, before I could dispense for awhile with the services of clerk and porter, and returning to the ways of ordinary official labour could enter on the inspection of the—

(*a.*) *Books*,
(*b.*) *Charters and Letters Patent*,
(*c.*) *Deeds, Municipal and Private*,
(*d.*) *Letters and Loose Memoranda*,
(*e.*) *Rolls and Miscellaneous Documents*,

described in the ensuing catalogues.

(*a.*) BOOKS.

I.—List of Books in the Southampton Muniment Room.

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(1.) Edward II. The Book of Laws, Ordinances, and Customs of the Town of Southampton, known in the annals of the borough as "The Oak Book," containing at the present time sixty vellum leaves, clog-covered. Of this highly interesting book the Reverend Silvester Davies (M.A., F.S.A., Vicar of St. James's, Enfield Highway), in his well-designed and carefully executed "History of Southampton: Partly from the MS. of Dr. Speed, in the the Southampton Archives," (1883), remarks, "The "earliest version of the ordinances of the Guild Merchant

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" is to be found in an ancient and curious volume, which " is one of the most interesting of the town records. It " is a small quarto on vellum, bound in oak covers, one " being much longer than the other, and having a square " hole in the lower part to put the hand through while " using the volume. On the outside are a couple of " merchants' marks. The ordinances commence at the " top of folio 10, and are written continuously without any " break to the fifth line of folio 20, the heading of each " bring in rubric. The handwriting is apparently that " of the first part of the fourteenth century. Prefixed " to the ordinances, on folio 9, is the guildsman's or " burgess's oath, in which mention is made of a mayor, a " title which does not occur in the ordinances themselves. " The oath which is in rubric and in a larger hand than " the rest appears to be of the same age. The ordinances " are of various dates, some of them probably belonging " to the earliest period of the Guild. This book was " noticed by the late Mr. Thomas Wright in Winchester " volume Brit. Archæol. Assoc., 1846, where is also a " drawing of the covers by Mr. Fairholt. A table of " contents is to be found in the Record Commissioners' " Report" - - - - - 1

(2.) Edward III. to Richard II. Calendar of Letters Patent dated in or between the reigns of the said kings - 1

(3.) Richard II. to Elizabeth. " The Black Book " of the Town of Southampton. Further particulars of this volume appear on subsequent pages of this catalogue - - - 1

(4.) 15th Century. Treatise in English Verse on the Philosopher's Stone and Aurum Potabile, in twelve chapters, with a Preface, and concluding " Recapitulacio totius " operis." Further particulars of this volume appear on a subsequent page of this catalogue - - - 1

(5.) Henry VI. to Elizabeth. Brokage Books: Yearly Accounts of Receivers of Toll and Dues at the Bar-gate :—

Temp.	Henry VI.	Three books	3
„	Edward IV.	Seven books	7
„	Henry VII.	Three books	3
„	Henry VIII.	Eight books	8
„	Edward VI.	Four books	4
„	Mary	Four books	4
„	Elizabeth	Three books	3
Twenty-seven dateless and otherwise defective books of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries			27
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(6.) Henry VI. to George III. Port Books: Yearly Accounts of Water-Bailiffs and Receivers of Petty Customs of the Port of Southampton :—

Temp.	Henry VI.	Sixteen books	16
„	Edward IV.	Three books	3
„	Henry VII.	Five books	5
„	Henry VIII.	Fifteen books	15
„	Edward VI.	Four books	4

		Vols.	
Temp. Mary - - Four books	-	4	
„ Elizabeth - Thirty-seven books	-	37	
Thirteen dateless and otherwise defective books of the sixteenth century	-	13	
Temp. Charles I. - Two books	-	2	
„ George II. - Four books	-	4	
„ George III. - Three books	-	3	
		106	- 106

(7.) Henry VI. to Charles II. Stewards' Books: Yearly Accounts of Receipts into and Disbursements from the Town treasury:—

Temp. Henry VI. - Nine books	-	9
„ Edward IV. - Nine books	-	9
„ Richard III. - Two books	-	2
„ Henry VII. - Seven books	-	7
„ Henry VIII. - Fifteen books	-	15
„ Mary - - Two books	-	2
„ Elizabeth - Seven books	-	7
„ Charles I. - One book	-	1
„ Charles II. - One book	-	1
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(8.) Edward IV. to George III. Town Court Books:—

Temp. Edward IV. Four dateless and otherwise defective books	-	4
Town Court Book 1482–3 A.D.	-	1
„ „ 1566 A.D.	-	1
„ „ 1572–3 A.D.	-	1
„ „ 1589–91 A.D.	-	1
„ „ 1603–13 A.D.	-	1
„ „ 1618–26 A.D.	-	1
„ „ 1621 A.D.	-	1
„ „ 1631 A.D.	-	1
„ „ 1637–46 A.D.	-	1
„ „ 1638–50 A.D.	-	1
„ „ 1651–61 A.D.	-	1
„ „ 1662–68 A.D.	-	1
„ „ 1677–94 A.D.	-	1
„ „ 1694–1701 A.D.	-	1
„ „ 1695–1707 A.D.	-	1
„ „ 1708–30 A.D.	-	1
„ „ 1731–66 A.D.	-	1
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(9.) 1445 A.D. to James I. Book of Remembrances of the Town of Suthampton - - - - - - 1

(10.) 1455 A.D. Terrier of the Tenements, &c. within the walls of the town of Suthampton - - - - - 1

(11.) 1473–8 A.D. Book of Oaths and Ordinances of the town of Suthampton - - - - - - 1

(12.) 1482 A.D. Assize of Bread Book - - - 1

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(13.) 1488 to 1597 A.D. Book of Remembrances of the town of Suthampton. Used in later time (1708–56 A.D.) as an Admiralty Court Book - - - - - 1

(14.) 1489 to 1593 A.D. Liber de finibus ville Suthampton. The Book of fines, perquisites, forfeitures, and casualties - - - - - - - - - 1

(14.) 1495 A.D. Terrier of the town of Suthampton - - 1

(15.) 1496 to 1554. Four Weighing-books of 1496, 1533, 1545, and 1554 A.D. - - - - - - - 4

(16.) 1496 to 1704. Book of Oaths and Ordinances of the town of Suthampton: With burgesses' admissions - - 1

(17.) 16th Century. Book of common forms and precedents for the convenience and use of legal draughtsmen - 1

(18.) 1517 to 1592 A.D. The Boke of Remembrances of the town of Suthampton - - - - - 1

(18.) 1525–98 A.D. Liber Debitorum ville Suthampton: Book of debts of the town of Suthampton - - - 1

(19.) 1535 to 1782. Mayors' Books of receipts and disbursments: Yearly Accounts of 1535–6, 1541–2, 1562–3, 1566–7, 1574–5, 1580–1, 1581–2, 1603–4, 1610–11, 1616–17, 1631–2, 1633–4, 1634–5, 1636–7, 1638–9, 1645–6, 1647–8, 1654–5, 1658–9, 1660–1, 1661–2, 1662–3, 1669–70, 1671–2, 1674–5, 1679–80, 1704–5, 1707–8, 1708–9, 1709–10, 1710–11, 1712–13, 1717–18 1721–2, 1723–4, 1724–5, 1727–8, 1730–1, 1731–2, 1734–5, 1737–8, 1738–9, 1744–5, 1746–7, 1752–3, 1757–8, 1760–1, 1763–4, 1766–7, 1767–8, 1768–9, 1769–70, 1771–2, 1772–3, 1773–4, 1774–5, 1776–7, 1777–8, 1781–2 A.D. - - - - - - 59

(20.) 1544 to 1589 A.D. Ten Muster-Books of 1544, 1555, 1567, 1579, 1583 and 1589 A.D. - - - 10

(21.) 1552 to 1580 A.D. Seven Linen-Hall Account-books of 1552–5, 1556, 1557, 1560, 1564, 1569, 1580 A.D. - 7

(22.) 1550 to 1796. Imperfect series of Court Leet (Cutted Thorn) books - - - - - - - 100

(22.) 1554 to 1584 A.D. Nine Woollen-Hall Account books of 1554–5, 1569–70, 1570–1, 1572, 1574, 1574–5, 1575–6, 1581–2, 1583–4 - - - - - 9

(23.) 1559 A.D. Assize of Bread book - - - 1

(24.) 1559 to 1567 A.D. "Stall-and-Art" and "Presentments" book - - - - - - - - 1

(25.) 1576 to 1586 A.D. Robert Knaplocke's "Liber Instrumentorum," *i.e.* Book of legal evidences - - - 1

(26.) 1575 to 1586 A.D. Four Mayors' Books: of yearly remembrances, with examinations and depositions - 4

(27.) 1576–7 A.D. Book of examinations, informations, and depositions - - - - - - 1

(28.) 1582 A.D. City of Winchester Pied Poudre Court book - 1

(29.) 1590 A.D. Book of depositions - - - - 1

(30.) 1591 to 1689 A.D. Book of Remembrances of the town of Southampton: With records of orders and proceedings in municipal assemblies - - - - - 1

(31.) 1592–4 A.D. Book of examinations, recognizances, and depositions - - - - - - - 1

(32.) 1592 to 1617 A.D. Liber Debitorum ville Suthampton: Audit Accounts book of the town of Suthampton -

		Vols.
(33.)	1596 A.D. Assize of Bread book	
(34.)	1601–2 A.D. Book of examinations, informations, and depositions	1
(35.)	1602–3 A.D. Assembly Book: of orders and proceedings in municipal assemblies	1
(36.)	1606–7 A.D. Assembly Book: of orders and proceedings in municipal assemblies	1
(37.)	1609 to 1705 A.D. Book of Apprentices: a register of the poor children bound apprentices by the Mayor, aldermen, and assistants of the town of Southampton	1
(38.)	1609 to 1737 A.D. Book of Apprentices; a register of "all persons bound Apprentices in the town of Southampton"	1
(39.)	1613 to 1725 A.D. Register of the Free Commoners of the town of Southampton	1
(40.)	1617 A.D. Survey of the lands and tenements of the corporation of the town of Southampton	1
(41.)	1619 to 1635 A.D. Sessions of Peace Book	1
(42.)	1622 to 1643 A.D. Book of examinations, informations, and depositions	1
(43.)	1625 to 1702 A.D. Grants from the Crown for termes of yeares; in two parts. Part I. from 1625 to 1685 A.D., and Part II. from 1685 to 1702 A.D.	1
(44.)	1632 to 1648 A.D. Book of Recognizances of the town of Southampton	1
(45.)	1638 to 1666 A.D. Town of Southampton "Lease-Ledger"	1
(46.)	1642 to 1678 A.D. Assembly-Book: Book of orders and minutes of proceedings in municipal assemblies	1
(47.)	1643 A.D. Book of Accounts of the estate of the late John Parkinson, Esq., "Felo-de-se"	1
(48.)	1643 A.D. Terrier of the town of Southampton	1
(49.)	1646 to 1672 A.D. Liber Debitorum ville Southampton; Book of the debts of the town of Southampton	1
(50.)	1647 to 1652 A.D. Assessments Book	1
(51.)	1648 to 1663 A.D. Book of examinations, informations, and depositions	1
(52.)	1661 A.D. Book of subscriptions and contributions in aid of the King	1
(53.)	1663 to 1668 A.D. Book of examinations, informations, and depositions	1
(54.)	1666–7 A.D. Alehouse Recognizances book	1
(55.)	1669 to 1689 A.D. Book of examinations and recognizances, and of proceedings at Sessions of Peace	1
(56.)	1679 to 1734 A.D. Book of Orders and minutes of proceedings of municipal assemblies	1
(57.)	1681–8 A.D. Book of [the correspondence of John Flamsteed and William Molyneux	1
(58.)	1681 A.D. Translation from Latin into English, by William Molyneux for his father's use, of Evangelista Torricellio's treatise "Of the Motion of Heavy Bodys, naturally falling and projected"	1
(59.)	1694 A.D. Assize of Bread book	1
(60.)	———. Translation into English, by William Molyneux, of Galileo's Dialogues	1
(61.)	18th Century. Book of extents and particulars of manors in the county of Cornwall	1

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(62.) 18th Century. Dr. Bulkeley's Treatise of Trees and their Culture - - - - - - - 1

(63.) 1703 to 1721 A.D. Book of oaths and ordinances of the town of Southampton: With records of Burgesses' Admissions to the franchise of the town, and of minutes of proceedings in municipal assemblies - - - 1

(64.) 1704 A.D. Notes and materials for the History of Ireland - - - - - - - 1

(65.) 1707 to 1709 A.D. Letter-book of Samuel Molyneux, the son of William Molyneux, the mathematician - - 1

(66.) 1711 to 1747 A.D. Register of parochial settlements. - 1

(67.) 1721 A.D. Copy of the testament (with codicil) of Dorothy Lady Capell, Baroness-Dowager of Tewkesbury, proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury in London, on 21 June, 1721 A.D. - - - - - 1

(68.) 1723–4 A.D. Cash-book of the Corporation of Southampton - - - - - - - 1

(69.) 1725 A.D. County Stock and County Treasurer's accounts book - - - - - - - 1

(70.) 1728 to 1755 A.D. Book of examinations and depositions - - - - - - - 1

(71.) 1729 to 1748 A.D. Sessions of Peace (Orders) Book - 1

(72.) 1734 A.D. Southampton Chartulary; Book of the charters of the town, copied and made into a book by order of Recorder - - - - - 1

(73.) 1734 to 1766 A.D. Assembly Book; of orders and minutes of proceedings in municipal assemblies - - - 1

(74.) George III. Dr. Speed's "History and Antiquities of Southampton," used by the Reverend Silvester Davies in his recently published "History of Southampton," and described in the Preface to that comprehensive and carefully executed book - - - - - 1

(75.) 1765 A.D. Book of common forms and precedents, for the convenience and use of legal draughtsmen - - 1

(76.) 1776 to 1782 A.D. Rental of the Corporation of the town of Southampton - - - - - - 1

(77.) 1779 to 1781 A.D. Rental of the Corporation of the town of Southampton - - - - - - 1

(78.) 1783 to 1796 A.D. Town of Southampton "Market Rental Book" - - - - - - 1

(79.) 1792 to 1803 A.D. Town of Southampton Quit-Rent book - - - - - - - 1

(80.) 1808 to 1848 A.D. Town of Southampton "Market Rental Book" - - - - - - 1

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II.—*Notes respecting, and Extracts from, the most noteworthy books.*

(1.) Edward II. Book of Laws, Ordinances, and Customs of the Town of Southampton, known in the annals of the borough as "The Oak Book," containing at the present time sixty vellum leaves, clog-covered. Resembling in several particulars the far more perfect and exemplary Little Domesday Books of the Borough of Ipswich, this

volume (comprises with divers inconsiderable memoranda of comparatively recent penmanship) the following matters:—

(*a.*) List (imperfect) of the boroughs of England, with particulars touching the dates of their respective charters of incorporation.

(*b.*) The Oath (French) administered to and sworn by the "Meyre Baillif e bones gents" of the town.

(*c.*) The Laws and Usages (French) of the town, in seventy-seven chapters; each chapter being headed with red letters, setting forth concisely the subject of the chapter.

(*d.*) The List of Dues and Customs on merchandize coming into the town by sea or land.

(*e.*) Copy of the Deed of Concord, dated 3 Edward III., between the Mayor and Community of the city of New Sarum of the one part and the Mayor and Community of the town of Suthampton of the other part, for the determination of controversy respecting tolls and customs.

(*f.*) Table of Rates, for regulating the price of bread.

(*g.*) Copy of the Charter of Inspeximus (of the charter dated by King John in the 9th year of his reign and also of the charter dated by Henry the Third in the 16th year of his reign, "de libertatibus Wynton' ecclesie"), dated by Nicholas bishop of Winchester A.D. 1268.

(*h.*) Copy of record of the proceedings, with verdict for the plaintiff, in the cause (6 Edward II.) of John le Cowper of Farnham, a tenant of the Bishop of Winchester, v. John Shirlee, William Foghel and William Basyngrom the younger, of the town of Southampton, for unlawful seizing for payment of toll unlawfully demanded as due to the said town "unum "coreum bouum precii vnius denarii ipsius Johannis le Couper."

(*i.*) Collection of Maritime cases and legal decisions touching ships and seamen, headed "Ceo est la Chartre Doylyroun de Jugements du Meer."

(*j.*) Copy of the Charter, dated by Edward the Third in the 2nd year of his reign, of Inspeximus and Confirmation of Edward the Second's Charter of Inspeximus and Confirmation, of Edward the First's Charter of Inspeximus and Confirmation, of the Charter of concessions dated by Henry the Third at Winchester on the 20th of June in the 37th year of his reign "Deo et beate Marie et Sancto Johanni Baptiste "et Fratribus Hospitalis Jerusalem."

(*k.*) Copy of the Letters Patent, dated 28 June 29 Edward III., of the Burgesses of the town of Southampton, of power for ten years to levy one penny from every pound, one half-penny from every ten shillings, and one farthing from every five shillings, of goods imported into or exported from the said town, the revenue from the said grant to be applied to the works for completing the enclosure of the town, for its greater security.

(*l.*) Copy of a Concord and Agreement, made 24 Henry III., between the Burgesses of Suthampton and the Burgesses of Portesmothe.

(*m.*) Copy of the Inquisition taken and made, 38 Henry III., by twenty-four lawful men, before Sir Ernaldus de Bosco, the said King's Justice "de Foresta,"—"qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod hec est meta et divisa inter forestam de la Beri et villam domini Regis Suthampton, scilicet, de Ponte de Acardy sicut via extendit se per cruces versus Aquilonem usque Cuthorn et de Cuttethorn usque ad Burleston, Et de Burleston usque ad Fursewelle, et de Furswelle sicut descendit in Ychene infra quas metas et divisas libertatis Ville domini Regis Suthampton canonici Sancti [Juliani?] . . . et tenent quemdam boscum qui vocatur Porteswode ex concessione Ricardi

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quondam Regis Anglie i liberam et puram et perpetuam elimosinam, Et est . . . . . et bosco pro quo bosco et terra que vocatur Kyngeslond dominus Rex predictus remisit de firma sua Ville Suthampton imperpetuum centum solidos."

A notion of the literary style of "The Laws and Usages," by far the most important and interesting of the several matters of the volume, may be gained from the following transcript of the first four of the seventy-seven chapters.

"1. Coment le Alderman Seneschal Chapellayn Eskevyns Usser seront esluys en Gilde. En primes chief que de la Gilde Marchaundz soient eslus e etablis, un Alderman, un Seneschal, un Chapelayn e iii. eskevyns e un Usser, Et est assavoyr que celuy que serra Alderman deit avoyr de chescun entraunt en la Gilde iiiid., le Seneschal iid., le Chapeleyn iid., e le Usser id. Et doit la Gilde feer deuz foyz en le an, Cest asavoir le Dymaynge prochain apres la Seintz Johan le Baptistez e le Dymaynge proschayn apres la Seintz Hyllery.

(2.) Quant la Gilde serra nul entre eux ne vendra si ne seit par le Alderman. Quant la Gilde serra nul de la Gilde ne doit mener nul estraunge, si il ne soit requis par le Alderman ou le Seneschal, Et le Alderman doitz avoir un Sergaunt aler nyer devaunt ly, le Seneschal un autre Sergauntz e les deuz eskevyns un Sergauntz, Et les autr' deus eskevyns un sergaunt e le Chapeleyn auera seon Clerk.

(3.) De ceo que le Alderman auera mizt tauntoi la Gilde y serra. Et quaunt la Gilde serra le Alderman doit avoyr chescun muytz tauntz come la Gilde sietz ii. galouns de vin Et deus chaundeles e le Seneschal autresy e les iiii. eskevyns e le Chapelayn chescun de eus un galoundd e vyn de une chaundele e le Usser un galoun de vyn.

(4.) Que les Meseaus auerount de la Gilde tantu' y serra. Et quaunt la Gilde serra les Meseaus de la Maudelyne auerount del Aumune de Gildeyns ii cestres de la ceruoyse. Et les Malades de la Maysun Deu e de Seintz Julian auerount deus cestyers de cervose. Et les Freires menors auerount ii cestres de cervoyse e un cestr' de vyn. Et iiii. cestres de cervoyse serrount donetz a poveres la ou la Gilde sera.

The entries of this volume, which the Hampshire archæologists would do well to edit, are by various hands, and were made at different times; the earliest of the entries, the Copy of "The Laws and Usages," being of a penmanship that justifies the reporter in assigning it to some clerk of the earlier time of the 14th century.

(2.) 16 Richard II. to 12 Elizabeth. The Black Book, otherwise styled the "Liber Niger nigro carbone notatus," otherwise styled the "Niger Papyrus," otherwise styled "The Blak Papyr" of the town of Suthampton; a large folio register containing 144 leaves of unusually thick paper, the last thirty-two of which are blank. Used from the 16th year of Richard II. to the 12th year of Elizabeth as a Book of Record for the enrolment of acknowledgments of deeds, this well preserved volume (covered with black flexible leather), together with writings of conveyance and quitclaim, and other legal instruments and writings of record, comprises the following matters:—

(*a.*) 16 Richard II. Ordinances by the Mayor and Community, "quod quilibet burgensis ac alius commorans infra libertatem ville Suthampton seu commoraturus respondebit versus alienigenas ac extraneos in placitis pedis pulverosati non obstante aliqua libertate prius habita seu possessa in placitis debiti pro aliquibus rebus vel merci-

moniis venditis seu emptis infra libertatem predictam. Et quod inter indigenos seu infra libertatem ville commorantes ac burgenses placita terminentur in Curia Regia ville secundum consuetudinem ante hac usitatam."

(*b.*) 1 Henry V. Ordinance by the Maior, Bailiffs, and Community, "quod omnes meretrices commune Hospicium in Estrete tenentes a dicto Vico omnino ammoverentur; Et quod nec ipse nec alique alie huiusmodi vite mulieres ad aliquod tenementum sive cotagium in eodem vico inhabitandum aut tenendum aliqualiter de cetero admitterentur et precipue propter continenciam dictum vicum pertranseuncium sive ad ecclesias beate Marie Sancte Trinitatis ac Sancti Andree peregre proficiscencium conservandam quam quidem ordinacionem supradictam imperpetuum tenendam ac observandam in nigro papiro eiusdem ville fecerunt irrotulari ut de recordo hic in futuro videatur esse permanend."

(*c.*) 17 October 22 Edward III. Ordinances by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Community of the town of Suthampton, for the amendment of proceedings in the Town Court—Cestassavere.

Que apres ascun accion de dette affirme en le comyn courte de mesme le vile envers ascun home demeurant deinz mesme le vile que le processe sera tielle,—Em primes le defendant serra somone et apres en le procheyne court il auera un essoyne sil voet et apres en le procheyn courte il auera un defaute saunz rien perder, Et apres sil ne vient un Attachment. Et sil trove un home destre son plegge sur mesme latachment sil face defaute le proime jour il serra amercie ii. *d.* le seconde jour iiii. *d.* le tierce jour vi. *d.* le quarte jour viii. le quinte jour x. *d.* le vi jour xii. *d.* et issint apres achescun courte sil fait defaute il serra amercye a xii. *d.* jesqz il veigne et respoyne al pleyntif et auxi en mesme le manere lissues serront retournes apres vn distresse agarde envers le defendant sicome est dit dez amercimentes avauntditz si le sargent retorne le defendant sufficient.

Item est assentu et accorde mesme le jour que apres ceo que ascun issue est ioine entre lez pleyntiffs et defendantes en mesme le courte que si le pleyntif ne voile suer . . . effects pur auer son jurre deinz trois moys proscheyn apres lissue ioine que le pleintif perdera son accion pur mesme le temps.

Item est assentu et accorde mesme le jour que apres ceo que ascun issue est ioine come est avauntdit auxibien en le comyn court come en le courte de pee poudres si le summe en demande soit declare a x. marces ou deinz que le Sargent auera pur faire son retourne del panelle forsq xii. *d.*

Et si le summe en demande soit declare ouster x. marcs come a x. li. xx. marcs xx. li ou ouster, Donqz le Sargent auera pur faire son retorne del panelle forsqz ii. *s.*

Item est assentu et acorde que en un plee de trespas le defendant pledera al Issue et tiendra son ley si les damages soient declares a xl. *s.* ou ouster et priera que le pleyntif soiet examyne si ces damages atteygnent a xl. *s.* ou ouster par reson de mesme trespas, Et si le pleyntif refuse le examynacion donqz le defendant ferra son ley, Et si le pleyntif sur son serement sur un liver dit qil est en damage a xl. *s.* ou ouster donqz lissue serra trie par pais.

Item est assentu et acorde mesme le jour que le Clerk del ville prendera de chescun Burgeys pur faire ou pur entrer son declaracion si le summe en demaunde soit declare a x. marcs ou deinz forsqz xii. *d.* Et si le summe en demaunde soit declare a x. *li.* xx. marcs xx. *li.* ou ouster il prendera pur faire ou pur son entre del declaracion de mesme le plee forsqz ii. *s.* Et des estraungers ou Foreyns il prendera sicome ils poient agrees.

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Item est acorde et assentu mesme le jour que quaunt un estraunger ou Foreyn afferme ascun accion en le comen courte ou en le courte de pee poudres il gagera al Sargent que doit son affire de mesme le pleynt en nawn' de plegge iii. *d.*

(*d.*) 9 December 22 Edward IV. "Hit is agreid assentid and by a comen accorde concludid in fourme folowyng that is to say emonge other, A Pavyour to be ordeyned to dwell in a house of the Towne price of xiii. *s.* iiii. *d.* rent free, and to have yerely a gowne to this entent, that he shalle with a Sargent of the same towne doo serche the pavement of the seid towne and also to pave in alle places nedefulle withyn the seid towne and doo all thyng that longeth to that office withyn the seid towne takyng for his wages for his labour as it is used . . . . , Provided alwey that the Stone and alle maner thyng to the seid pavement belongyng be ordeyned by hym or theym afore woes house the pavement shalle be noyouse or nedefulle of reparacion."

(*e.*) 16 Richard II. Enrolment of Probate of the will (testamentum) of Richard Mey the elder of the town of Suthampton burgess, dated 8 July 1392 A.D., running in these words,—"In dei nomine amen . . . . . Ego "Ricardus Mey senior burgensis ville Suthampton condo testamentum "meum in hunc modum, In primis lego animam meam deo ac corpus "meum ad sepeliendum in Cimeterio Sancte Marie Suthampton "predicte ville per disposicionem executorum meorum, Item lego "Agnete uxori mee omnia terras ac tenementa mea que vel quas habeo "infra libertatem ville Suthampton supradicte habendum ac tenendum "omnia predicta terras ac tenementa prefate Agneti uxori mee usque "ad terminum vite sue, Et post decessum vero ejusdem Agnetis volo "ac concedo quod omnia terre ac tenementa predicta cum suis perti- "nenciis integre remaneant ac revertantur Ricardo Mey juniori ac Ra- "nulpho Mey capellano filiis meis habendum ac tenendum omnia pre- "dicta terras ac tenementa prefato Ricardo Mey juniori ac Radulpho "usque ad terminum vite eorum seu uni eorum diucius viventi tantum, "Et post vero decessum eorum volo quod omnia predicta terre ac "tenementa cum suis pertinenciis integre vendantur per executores "meos vel per executores executorum meorum, ac pecunia inde reddita "distribuatur pro anima mea ac animabus omnium fidelium defuncto- "rum secundum disposicionem executorum predictorum, Item lego "Ranulpho Mey filio meo predicto unum Basnet unam loricam unum "par cirotecarum de plate ac unum aphorum argenteum secundum "meliorem,—Item lego Ricardo Mey juniori filio meo sexaginta soli- "dos sterlingorum quos michi debet Johannes Patrik de Wynton. "Residuum vero bonorum meorum superius non legatorum lego Agneti "uxori mee debitis meis primo persolutis, Ita quod idem Agnes ordi- "net ac disponat pro anima mea tam in exequiis meis quam in die sepul- "ture mee pro cera ac distribucione pauperum ac in aliis necessariis "faciendis sicut ipsa melius viderit expedire &c."

(*f.*) Henry II. Charter of Licence to have a Gild Merchant, with grant of freedom of toll throughout the realm to the men of Andover.—Henricus dei gratia &c. &c. salutem. Sciatis me concessisse hominibus de Andewra vt habeant gildam mercatorum in Andewra quod sint quieti de Theolonio Passagio consuetudine per totam terram meam sicut Burgenses Wintonie qui sunt de Gilda mercatorum sunt quieti. Et super hoc nullus eos disturbet iniuste pro consuetudine super x. libras forisfacture. Testibus &c. Apud Wyntoniam.

(*g.*) 29 April, 5 Ricardus I. Charter of Licence to have a Gild Merchant, together with freedom from toll throughout the realm, to the men of Andover, "sicut dominus Henricus Rex pater noster eis concessit "ac carta sua confirmavit." Testibus &c. apud Portesm'.

(*h.*) 8 Henry IV. Petition (French) of the Taylors of Suthampton to the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the said town, together with record of consent of the same Mayor Aldermen and burgesses to the same petition, which in the clauses following the preamble runs in the following words,—"Please a votre tressage discrecion par "advys de voz Aldermans prudeshommes et autres voz avaunditz "bones burgeis ordeigner et estabiler en icest present assemblee que "nulle aliene Tailloure ne soudier Taillour Engleis ne autre veignant "en Carrike Galeye ou nief des aliens priegne ne tiegne shope meson "ne chambre deinz mesme la ville pour tailler ne deinz la Fraunchise "dicelle taille robes jepone ne autres garnementz a qi que soient de-"vaunt que tielle Taillour aliene ou soudier Taillour ad fait fyu et gree "ove les mestres de mesme de mestier pour le temps esteauntz sur "peyne denprisonement et ceo le primer foitz que soit trove trespas-"saunt encountre ceste ordynaunce et le secunde foitz dencorger la "peyne de c.*s.* a leuer par le commaundement de vous ou del mair pour "le temps esteauntz par les ministres de dite ville . . . . . Et "auxi que nulle Taillour estraunge veignant sodeynement de tailler en "mesme la ville ne tiegne shope ne chambre de tailler drape saunz "conge del Maire et des mestres del dit mestier et tanque il ad feat fyn "solons lour discrecioun en manere suis dit. Et &c. &c."

(*i.*) 21 Henry VII. Ordinance made in Common Assembly "that "fromhensfurth the Mayr of this Towne for the tyme beyng have and "resceyve of the Stuard of the Towne or of his depute toward his "charges so occupying oon hole yere x. *li.* to be allowid to the sayd "Stuard by the Auditours vppon his accompt, To thintent folowing "that is to say that no Mayre for this day forward take uppon hym to "resceyve or handill any of the Townys money that is to wete he shalle "make no fyne except it be at the Audit-hous callyng to hym ij. or iij. "of thaldermen or of the discretes at the lest, and the money therof "comyng to be put in to the Comen Boxe in the seyd Audithous, Of the "which box the seyd Mayre to have oon key and oon of the Aldermen "the toder &c. &c." With further order "that the Blacke Boke be alle "weyes kept vnder ii. lokys"; and other regulations touching the revenues of the town.

(*j.*) 8 November 1458 A.D. The will (testamentum) of William Soper, esquire and burgess of the town of Suthampton; by which, after directing that his body shall be buried beneath a certain marble tomb which he has caused to be made "in australi parte corporis ecclesie Fratrum Minorum in villa predicta," the testator makes divers bequests to pious and charitable uses in which the community of the same town is interested.

(*k.*) 3 February 1457 A.D. The will (testamentum) of John Estwelle, burgess of the town of Suthampton, whereby, after directing that his body shall be buried in the church of the blessed Mary Virgin near Suthampton ("videlicet in corpore ejusdem ecclesie juxta pulpitum "coram Imagine Sancte Crucis"), the testator makes divers bequests to pious and charitable uses.

(*l.*) 30 October 1462 A.D. The will (testamentum) of John Bedil *alias* Bidell burgess of the town of Suthampton, containing bequests to pious and charitable uses.

(*m.*) 14 December 1443 A.D. The will (testamentum) of Robert Florice of the town of Suthampton; containing bequests to pious uses.

(*n.*) 6 December 1486 A.D. Enrolment of the petition made by the Cowpers of the town of Suthampton to the Mayor Aldermen and burgesses of the said town in Common Assembly, and of the consent of the same Mayor Aldermen and burgesses to the prayer of the said petitioners.

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" That no cowper alien sowdiour comying in Carrake Galey or in any " othr' ship ne non other aswell englisshe as any other estraungier " resortyng unto the said town from this day forward take nor holde " howse shop nor chambre within the saide towne, nor within the " Fraunchies of the same Toune for to make or to use the seid occu- " pacion and crafte of Coupers Crafte unto the tyme that the same cowper " be he alien sowdier straungier englysshe or any other what soever " he be have made fyne and gree with the Mayre for the tyme beyng " and with the Maisters of the said occupacioun and crafte of Cowpers " that for the tyme shalbe vpon payn, &c. &c."

(*o.*) 1 August 1492 A.D. The will (testamentum—Latin in the earlier part, with a lengthy statement in English setting forth minutely the intent and purposes of a principal bequest) of William Gunter of the town of Suthampton, the enrolment of the said will being made during the testator's life and whilst he was Mayor the said town; under this heading "Testamentum Willelmi Gunter irrotulatum tempore ejusdem Willelmi Gunter maioris." Bequeathing "Willelmo Justice unam togam meam penulatam vocatam Crymsyn coloris vocatam Wedding-gowne," the testator bequeaths three tenements in the town of Southampton to his wife Alice for life, with remainder to certain persons in trust, "to thentent that the said Alice my wif shalle finde during her lif in Holy Rode Church in Suthampton aforesaid at the Holy Rode Awter in the same Churche a discrete prest dayly with gode disposicion masse syngyng and other divine service seying and the quere in holy dayes there contynually kepying in tyme of goddys service doing for the sowlys of me the seid William Gunter my father Moder John Jamys all my frendys sowlys and all cristen sowlys taking for his wagis yerely ix markes laufull money &c. &c." The remainder (a full half) of the will is an elaborate statement of the testator's disposition of the surplus of the issues of the said tenements, for pious and charitable uses.

(*p.*) 23 March, 11 Henry VII. Tempore Johannis Walssh maioris. "Hereafter followeth a copy of a bonde that the Mayre of Suthampton ballieffes and burgeys and comminaltie be bounden [in] to Philip Archeduke of Austria and Duk of Burgone.—Omnibus Christi, &c. &c. Johannes Walsshe maior ville Suthampton, Johannes Bavdewyn ac Johannes Warde ejusdem ville ballivi necnon burgenses ac communitas ville predicte Salutem in domino sempiternam: Cum inter illustrissimum principem supremum dominum nostrum Henricum dei gracia Anglie &c. ex una et serenissimum principem Philippum eadem gracia Austrie &c. ex altera partibus quedam amiciciarum intelligenciarum ac mercimonii intercursus mercatorumque communicacionis ac alia eciam eosdem principes ac subditorum suorum regnorum patriarumque utilitatem concernencia tractatus ac federa de dat' xxiiij die mensis Februarii anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo quinto London' inita conventa conclusa ac finaliter determinata fuere, que quidem tractatus amiciciarum et mercimonii intercursus, &c. vidimus ac intelleximus, Ac pro hic insertis haberi voluimus, Noveritis nos prefatos Maiorem ballivos burgenses ac communitatem ville supradicte necnon successores nostros maiores ballivos burgenses ac communitatem ville predicte qui pro tempore fuerint, ad requestum ac mandatum prefati domini nostri Regis ac ad suarum literarum nobis in hac parte directarum ac deliberatarum quas pro hic insertis haberi volumus contemplacionem bona fide promisisse ac nos ac successores nostros prefato illustrissimo principi Philippo Archeduci Austrie duci Burgundie &c. ejusque heredibus ac successoribus sub ipotheca ac obligacione omnium bonorum nostrorum presencium ac futurorum obligasse sicque per presentes promittimus ac obligamus quod effectualiter procurabimus instabimus ac quantum in nobis erit

efficiemus, quod idem dominus noster Rex ejusque heredes ac successores omnia ac singula predicta tam amiciciarum quam mercimonii intercursus omniaque singula in eisdem contenta et specificata bene plene et fideliter tenebunt ac perimplebunt, Ac per suos subditos et vassallos quatenus eos concernunt aut imposterum concernent bene ac fideliter facient teneri observari ac perimpleri, Incontinentes que iusticiam ministrabunt seu ministrari facient. In cujus rei testimonium presentibus sigillum communitatis ville Suthampton predicte apponi fecimus. Dat' vicesimo tercio die mensis Marcii anno domini supradicto, Et anno regni dicti domini nostri Regis Anglie undecimo.

(*q.*) 18 March, 11 Henry VII. Tacked, together with the two following matters, to the leaf of the Black Book, setting forth the enrolment of the afore-copied bond, are these Letters under the King's sign-manual and signet:—Trusty and Welbiloved We grete you well, And where as our Cousin Tharcheduc of Austriche and Duc of Burgoyne hath sent unto us of late the Lord Bever and other grete personages on his solempne ambassade, With his requeste for to have with us our Royaume and subgiettes both amitie intelligence and entrecours of merchandise, Whiche is gretly to our honour seing that the ruptur and discontinuaunce therof hathe not stand by us, and redoundeth also to the Wele and prouffite of the lieges on either side, We havyng tendre consideracioun to the good and libertie of our subgiettes have bettered and made more vaillable to them the said entrecours and passed also those ambassadours booth the amitie intelligence and entrecourse forsaid, And where over this the said Ambassadours have offered instanced and promised to bynde diverse estates and diverse grete townes of thobeissaunce of our said Cousin under the seales and signmanuelles for the inviolable and ferme observyng of that is concluded betweene us and theim As by a byll herin closed of the names of the said estates and Townes it appereth more at large, The said Ambassadours for equalitie and stablenesse of the matier that We shold doo in like wise oblige certain estates and Townes of this our Royaume, We therfor remembring wele their reasonable demaunde in that behalve and that ye also be oon of the Townes they mynde to have bounde in this caas, Wol and desire you that under your commune seale annexed by a labelle to such writing in perchemyn as this berer shal deliver unto you the copie, ye sende the same soo sealed unto us by the same berer. Geven under our Signet at our Manoir of Shene the xviij day of Marche."

(*r.*) The form of the bond to be executed by the Mayor and community of Suthampton.

(*s.*) This schedule of the ambassadors referred to in the King's signmanual:—The Bisshop of Cambray, the Prince of Symay, Therl Nassou, the lord Ravesteen, the Lord Berres, the lord Berghes, the lord Egmond, the lord Tlybre, the lord Aymery, the lord Molenbais, the Provost of Liege and St. Donas, With the Capitaigne of Bruges, and the Burghmaistres of Gaunt, Ipres, Bruges, Dunkerk, Newport, Anvers, Berghes, Dordraight, Delve, Leyd, Hamsterdam, Middelburgh, Zyversee, Vere, Molynes and Bryele.

(*t.*) 4 May 1487. The Will (testamentum) of Richard Gryme of the town of Suthampton burgess, containing bequests to pious uses.

(*u.*) 3 May 1495. The Will (testamentum) of John Shropshire, containing bequests to pious and charitable uses.

(*v.*) 2 September 1471. The Will (testamentum) of John Jamys burgess of the town of Suthampton, containing bequests to pious uses.

(*w.*) 6 October 1503. The Will (testamentum) of John Browne citizen of New Sarum, containing bequests to pious uses.

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(*x.*) 18 June 1513. The Will (testamentum) of Robert Bysshchoppe of the town of Suthampton burgess and alderman, containing bequests to pious uses.

(*y.*) —— 1549. Depositions by seven several aged men touching the common lands of the town of Suthampton, headed "the Sainges of the Ayntchiant olde men whiche hath byne of the towne of Suthampton conserning the Comens of the same town."

(*z.*) —— 1570. A Notte of all such Charters and other Writtinges with suche bookes of Statutes and other bookes as Richard Godderd latte maior of the towne of Suthampton lefte in the Auditt House at the tyme of his going out of his Maioraltie.

(*aa.*) 26 September, 1 and 2 Philip and Mary. Deed (under this heading "Copia vera feodi libere schole Grammaticalis in villa Suthampton") of grant, release and confirmation of the West Hall in English Street and three tenements in French Street in the town of Suthampton, by Thomas Pace of the said town esquire, Thomas Mille of the same town gentleman, and William Britton gentleman (one of the executors of the testament and last will of *John* Capon D.D. deceased), to John Capelin mayor, Richard Hawkins and Nicholas Capelin bailiffs, and to the burgesses of the said town, "pro manutenencia et continuacione schole predicte ac in performacionem et complementum testamenti et ultime voluntatis predicti *Willelmi* Capon defuncti, et ad intencionem quod pueri in eadem schola educandi et erudiendi quotidie imperpetuum orent pro anima ejusdem Willelmi Capon." Reciting the substance of a certain deed of bargain and sale dated 20 January, 1 Mary, at the Guildhall of the said town, whereby in consideration of a payment of 100*l.* the aforementioned Mayor (John Capelyn) the bailiffs (Richard Hawkins and Nicholas Capelin) and the burgesses conveyed Westhall and the three other tenements to the aforementioned Thomas Pace, Thomas Mille, and William Britten, the present deed also sets forth the substance of the Letters Patent, dated at Westminster by Edward the Sixth on the 4th of June in the 7th year of his reign, for the foundation and institution of a Free Grammar School in the said town under the style and title of the "Libera schola grammaticalis Maioris ballivorum et Burgensium dicte ville et comitatus Southampton." In his remarks upon this instrument in his excellent "History of Southampton" (1883) the Reverend John Silvester Davies, M.A., calls attention to the misdescription at the opening of the deed of Dr. Capon, who is there styled John Capon, whereas his Christian name was William, the name rightly assigned to him in subsequent clauses of the writing.

The absence of chronological order of the foregoing notes points to a similar absence of order in the register, matters having been put on vacant places of leaves chiefly occupied with writings of an earlier date. Perusers of this report will however exaggerate the disorder of the the book, unless they bear in mind that the notes touching testaments in the foregoing list exhibit the dates of execution and not those of probate.

(3.) 15th Century. Treatise in English verse on the Philosopher's Stone and Aurum Potabile, in twelve chapters, with a Preface and concluding "Recapitulacio totius Operis," eleven of the chapters being entitled respectively "Of noble Calsynacioun," "Of Solucioun," "De Separacione," "De Conjunctione," "De Putryfactione," "De Congelacione," "De Cibacione," "De Sublimacione," "De Exaltacione," "De Multiplicacione," "De Projectione." Much defaced and torn, and bearing on the vellum-cover this note by a modern hand, "This a

Treatise upon the Philosopher's Stone in English Verse. I suppose that this book was found in the Friary. It seems to me to be a Translation from Roger Bacon, who was of the Order of Friars Minors, of which order were the Friars in this Town, and it is probable that his great reputation would induce those of his own order particularly to study his writings. In the Preface there is mention of Raymond. When Roger Bacon was imprisoned on suspicion of Witchecrafte, one Raymond, a Brother of his order, procured his Release upon his discovering to him the secrets of his occult Philosophy. Perhaps the Raymund here mentioned may be Raymund Lully," referred to by name in the 30th page of the tract. An opinion of the literary style of the treatise may be formed from these opening lines of the Preface,

" In the begynnynge when thow made all of nowght,
A globose mater and derke undur confusion,
By the begynner marvelously was wrought
Conteynyng all thinges withowte division,
Of whiche thow made in vi daise clere distinction
As Genesis appertly doth record
Then hevyn and erthe perfyteyd wer with thy word,
So throw thy will and power oute of oon mase
Confusid was made all thyng that beyng ys,
But in thy glorye afore as Maker thow was,
Nowys shaull withoute yend be I wys
And puryfyde souleys up to thy blyse
Schall come, A principal thys may be oon
For the declareyng of oure stone
For of oon mas was made all thynge
And Ryght so moste hit in oure practike be,
All our secretes of oon Image most spryng
In p[hilosop]hers bookes that for who lyste to see
Oure stone ys called the lesse world oon and thre
Magnesia alsoe of Sulphur and Mercurie
Proporcynate by nateure most profitable
But may oon mervelyth and mervelich may
And muse on suche a mervelos thyng."

The reference in the Preface to Raymond is made in the following lines—

" And when thow has made calsinacioun
Encresyng not wastyng moisture radicall
To thy base by ofte subtilacioun
Woll lyghtly flowe as wax appon metall
Then lowse it with thy vegeterboll mesticall
Tyll thow have oyle ther of in colour bryght
Then ys that mesture vysyble unto syght
And oyle hyt ys drawen owte in colour of golde
Or lyke ther to oute of oure fyne rede led
Whych Raymonde seid when he was old
Moch moré then gold wolde stonden styde
For when he was for age nye dede
He made ther of Aurum Potabile
Whych hym revyvyd as menne myght see."

(4.) 1445 A.D. to James I. The Book of Remembrances of the town of Suthampton. A medley of writs, warrants, mayoral accounts, indentures, and lists of municipal officers, with other matters touching the affairs of the corporation and inhabitants of the town, this book

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contains, together with other multifarious memoranda that should be carefully examined by future historians of the community,

(*a.*) 17 Henry VII. Letter from the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of the town of Suthampton "to the v. portes for certeyne variaunces betwene this Towne of Suthampton and the same v. poortes"; with answer to the same letter, addressed to the same Mayor bailiffs and burgesses by "youre Lovers the bailif and Jurates of Hastynges."

(*b.*) Henry VII. Memoranda of arrangements for receiving His Majesty on the occasion of his visit to the town; under the heading "Provision for to resceyve the Kynges Grace."

(*c.*) 10 December, 1 Edward IV. Precept directed to the Sheriff of the town of Suthampton for payment of cxxxiij*li.* vi*s.* viii*d.* "Johanni Fogge militi thesaurario hospicii nostri vel ejus in hac parte deputato . . . pro expensis hospicii nostri predicti."

(*d.*) 3 December 1 Edward IV. Precept, dated under the Privy Seal at Westminster, and directed to the Mayor bailiffs sheriff and burgesses of the town of Suthampton, for the payment, out of the fee-farm of the said town, of cxxvii*li.* vi*s.* iiii*d.* to Richard Earl of Warrewyk, for considerations set forth in these words, "Wher' Humfrey late Duke of Buk and late Constable of oure Castell of Dovowr dud (*sic.*) the x daye of Jule in the yere of the Reigne of Henry the Sext late in dede and not in righte King of England xxxviii^{ti} the same late kyng gave in commaundement to oure right trusty and welbeloved cousin Richard Erle of Warrewyk to occupie and exercise that office and to attende and provide for the sustentacion of the prestes servauntes watchemen officers and artificers ther for the saufgard of the same, by force of which commaundement the same Erle occupied that office having the charge of the other officers servauntes and other aforeseide contynuelly from the saide x daye of Juylle unto the fourthe daye of Marche in the fyrst yere of oure Reigne, and by oure commaundement occupied and exercised the saide office of Constable of the seide Castelle of Dovorre from the same daye of Marche vnto the vii daye of May the seide first yer of oure Reigne and contynually by alle the tymes founde and had within the same Castelle prestes and servauntes wacchemen officers and artificers according to the nombre of them aforetyme had, and for that the seide Erle hath no paiment nor contentacion of or for eny wages for him self in this behalve or for the fyndyng of the saide prestes wacchemen officers and artificers for the seide tymes, We understond that the seide late Duke had for his sustentacion and for the sustentacion of the seid prestes servauntes wacchemen officers and artificers amonges other cliiij*li.* by yere of the fe-ferme of the towne of Southampton, &c."

(*e.*) 7 May, 1 Edward IV. Letters Patent of the grant of the office of Constable of the Castle of Dovor, together with office of Warden of the Cinque Ports, and all powers and privileges pertaining to the same offices, to Richard, Earl of Warwiek. Dated at Middelham.

(*f.*) 20 Richard II. Concordia inter Priorem Sancti Dionisii et Maiorem ac Communitatem ville Suthampton.

(*g.*) 5 July, 2 Richard III. Writ of Precept and Mandate directed by the King to the Mayor sheriff and bailiffs of the town of Suthampton, for the prohibition of the wearing and bearing of "livereis clothinges conusaunces or bagieus" in the said town. Dated under the Signet at the Castle of Scarburgh.

(*h.*) 2 Richard III. "Fines facte ad opus ville Suthampton tempore Vincencii Tehy maioris ibidem anno regni regis Ricardi III. secundo." Containing a recipe for curing the cancer, inserted in the midst of particulars congruent with the heading of the record, this curious account exhibits the following items "per finem iiii*d.* Item for a swerde

left in the courte and brought over to the Audite Hous and afterward sold to Robert Tregolle, and in so moche the lasse for be cause it was of litulle valur.

"A medicyne for a canker. Take the juce of the rote of a bethewynde other wise callid Wethewynde and a noynte the cankyr therwith ix or x days till he be hole.

"Item receved the xvith day of Janyvere of on' John Galyman taken with a woman in Sent John's parishe—xii*d.*"

(*i.*) On a later page of the book appear, without a date, the following items of another account of the same reign :—

"Item for a fyne made by Laurens Baker for his wyf because she is endyted at Sessions for a mysgyded woman and she hath fyned here before. And nowe in lyke wise vpon this condicion that if she may be founde gilte herafter she shalbe banished owte of Towne with grete shame—xii*d.*

"Item for a fyne of Agnes Couper in Seint John' parisshe in lyke wyse—xii*d.*

"Item that Market and his wyf be warned agenst Michaelmasse next cummyng to voyde the towne if they may be founde in any fawlte herafter.

"Item that Agnes the wyf of Thomas Staunton is warned in like wise to voyde if she maye be founde any more fawte.

"Item that John Walys [? and his] wyf voyde in lyke wyse if they be founde any more fawte at the saide fest of Mychelmasse.

"Item that Nicholas de Prese and his wyf voyde in lyke wyse if they may be founde any more fawte."

(*j.*) 1 Henry VII. The account of the receipts and disbursements of the town during the year of William Gunter's mayoralty. Containing the following entry :—"Per Johannem Godfray senescallum. Also paied unto Thomas Reynold one of the burgeses of parlament the fryday next afore Seint Leonardes day anno primo Regis Henrici VII. by the handes of John Godfray then Steward of Suthampton lxvi*s.* viii*d.* of the whiche he shuld have fer hymmeselfe and Thomas Overey, burgese of the parlement for theyr wages in parte xl*s.*, and xiij*s.* iiij*d.* to delyver to Edmund Denny our attorney in the Estcheker for the Shiriff Mighelmas pro...., and xiij*s.* iiij*d.* to delyver unto the same Edmunde for his fee due att Mighelmash last past."

(*k.*) 2 Henry VII. A similar account for the next mayoral year, containing these entries having reference to Prince Arthur's birth.

"A Prynce is borne at Wynchestere. Memorandum, that in Vigilia Sancti Mathei Apostoli videlicet the xx^{the} day of Septembre the ii^{de} yere of the reigne of our sovereigne Lorde Kyng Henry the VIIth, One John Burnard yoman of the menys chambre comme unto Suthampton unto the Maire and to his brethern and tolde the tythynges and seid ther is a Prynce borne that nyght next affor at Wynchestre, And that the Kyng commaunded that alle the Curetes prestes and clerkes of the seide town shold goe in prossesssion and aftre synge Te Deum laudamus yn wurshipyng God therfor.

"And for the gode tydynges the said John Burnard had yn reward of the Maire and his bretherne paid by the handes of John Godfray steward of the same day vi*s.* viii*d.*"—Followed in the same account by this entry. "Also the steward John Godfray hath rescevid the xxiii^{the} day of September anno secundo Regis Henrici vii^{i}. for a fyne made with John Pyper in estrete for kepyng a Sklosshe pley contrary to the Mairis commaundement and other defautes &c.—iij*s.* iiij*d.*"

Affording divers matters of some value to general historians, and of especial interest to illustrators of Southampton in olden times, these

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Remembrances comprise numerous entries, having reference to the yearly pension of 154*l.* accruing from the fee-farm of the town to William, Earl of Arundell, as Constable of Dover Castle and Warden of the Cinque Ports in the times of Edward the Fourth and Henry the Seventh, which annuity the earl was wont to receive altogether or in part from the town "in kind," *i.e.*, in wine, foreign fruits, spices, and other articles of necessity or luxury for the provision of his household; a form of payment that of course lightened considerably the burden of the fee-farm to the burgesses.

(5.) 1489 to 1593 A.D. The "Liber De Finibus ville Suthampton." Consisting of yearly accounts of the moneys coming to the municipal exchequer by way of fines and forfeitures for offences and petty perquisites, this ledger affords a general view of the orderliness and disorderliness of the town throughout successive generations, and also exhibits for a shorter period the yearly disbursements of the corporation on such petty affairs and exceptional incidents or 'Mayoral Casualties,' as in the case of boroughs with chamberlains usually pertained to the financial duties of those officers. Amongst the Elizabethan accounts of expenditure appear the following particulars of the costs and charges incurred by the town for the Queen's entertainment in 1569 A.D.:—

"Imprimis, presented to the Quene's Majesty in the forsaide purse the ixth of September - - - - xl *li.*
Item, geven to the clarke of the markette for rewarde - xx *s.*
Item, to the Quen s harwarde - - - - xx *s.*
Item, to the Sergeantes of the Arms - - - - xx *s.*
Item, payed her fotemen - - - - - xx *s.*
" " her trumpeters - - - - xx *s.*
" " the musicions - - - - - xx *s.*
" " the Marshall for a proclamacion - - v *s.*
" " the Marshall for his fees - - - v *s.*
" " to the clarke of the marketes cryer - - ii *s.*
" " to the skylers - - - - - v *s.*
" " to the drome and flute of Portismothe - - v *s.*
" " certaine Lordes minstrelles - - - v *s.*
" " to the yemen of mayell - - - v *s.*
" " to the yemen of the bottells - - - v *s.*
" " Peter Glasier for his drome and flutes - - v *s.*
" " the Quene's Majestis porters - - - v *s.*
" " William M^{r} whiche he must give accompts of - x *li.*
" " for iii lode of bowes sett by the commaundement of Sir Francis Knowells - - v *s.*
" " for the helping of the gonners - - - ii *s.* vi *d.*
" " M^{r} Torner for newe-making of the Buttes - ix *s.*
Item, payed for fiftye yeardes of London russett that daye to M^{r} Hotson for the townes liueries at viii *s.* the yearde - - - - - xx *li.*
" " for canvas to wrape the clothe in - - xvi *d.*
" " for M^{r} Stanelis charges and myne with twoe men and iiii horses xviii dayes at ii *s.* viii *d.* the daye man and horse - - - ix *li.* xij *s.*
" " for fyer dueringe that tyme vi *d.* per daye amounteth to ix*s.*, for washinge of shertes, shewinge of horses, mending of saddells and reward to the howse where we laye - - xix *s.*
" " for M^{r} Hoopers charges at Winsor vij dayes and his twoe men at iiij *s.* - - - - xxviii *s.*
" " &c. &c.

Occasionally the searcher of the accounts comes upon payments to players, such as the following of 19–20 Elizabeth,—

Item, paid by consent to xi players, beinge the Lorde of Bathe's players, the firste of Maie 1577 - - - xiij*s.*iiij*d.*

Item, paid by consent to my Lorde Delawarre's plaiers being tenne of them the vith of May - - - x *s.*

Item, paid by consent to the Earle of Worcester his players the 14 of June, beinge x of them - - - - x *s.*

Item, paid the 24th of June to sixe of my Lord Clinton's players - - - - - - - x *s.*

Save that they usually tell the number of persons in the wandering troops (information seldom given by municipal chroniclers) the entries touching players are unimportant.

(6.)—1496 to 1704 A.D. The Book of Oaths, ordinances and burgesses, admissions. Opening with forms of oaths to be sworn on admission to franchise or office by (1) Burgesses, (2) Commoners "admytted to set vp in any arte, scyence or occupacion withyn the towne, (3) Maiors, (4) Aldermen and Justices of the Peace, (5) Constables of the Staple, (6) Recorder or Town Clerke, (7) the Sheriffe, (8) Bailiffes, (9) the Crowners, (10) Cunstables, (11) the Pettye Customer, (12) the fower Discretes of the Market, (13) the Fower Serjantes, (14) the Receaver of Custome and Brocage at the Bargat, (15) Brokers betwixt merchante and merchante, (16) Measurers of Clothe, (17) the Steward, (18) Measurers of Salt and Corne and other, (19) the Teller of Leather, and (20) the Alderman of Portiswoade, this book of record contains on later pages more recent forms of oaths to be sworn by Assistants, Packers of Herrings, and other officers of the community; the earlier set of oaths being followed in the register by "Certaine olde auncient and laudable ordinaunces touching the Burgesses and their duties of and within Suthampton," in eighty chapters, comprising the French ordinances of the Oak Book translated into English and other orders.—Beginning with the record of Richard Wotton's admission into the gilde on 15 June, 11 Henry VII., the Register of burgesses' admissions is continued to 21 July 1704, and contains the records of the enfranchisement of the following more or less notable persons:—

Maurice Barkeley, seconde sonne of Edward Barkeley late burgesse of this towne, 10 September, 22 Henry VII.

John Arpit vicar of St. Michaelle's churche in the towne of Suthampton, on Friday next after the feast of St. Michael, 2 Henry VIII.

John Wilcok, D.D., vicar of the parisshe churche of Holy Rodes in the towne of Southampton, on the Friday after Michaelmas, 2 Henry VIII.

William Seint-John, otherwise called William Poninges, 18 March, 3 Henry VIII.

Walter Maye, Prior of the priory of Sainte Dennys by the towne of Suthampton, 2 April, 3 Henry VIII.

Thomas Skevington, Bishop of Bangor and Abbot of the monastery of Sancte Mary the Virgin of Kinges Bewly, on Friday after Michaelmas, 6 Henry VIII.

John Corne, Abbot of Letley, 3 August, 16 Henry VIII.

William, the Honorable Erle of Arundelle, 13 January, 16 Henry VIII.

Master John Alen, Doctour of both lawes, Chancelour of our Lorde the Kinge, one of the Maisters and . . . of the churche of

Sainte Mary the Virgen of the towne of Suthampton, 28 March, 18 Henry VIII.
Thomas Pace, gentleman, 31 December, 25 Henry VIII.
John Newton, esquire, 24 October, 26 Henry VIII.
Anthony Guidotty, merchante of Florence, 14 January, 26 Henry VIII.
Thomas Welles, gentleman, 1 July, 27 Henry VIII.
Thomas Bettes, son of James Bettes esquire, 18 October, 27 Henry VIII.
John, Abbot of the monastery of Saint Mary the Virgen of Kinges Bewly, 28 January, 27 Henry VIII.
Thomas, Abbot of the monastery of Sainte Mary the Virgen of Kinges . . . ., 28 January, 27 Henry VIII.
William, Abbot of the monastery of Sainte Mary the Virgen of Kinges Waverley, 28 January, 27 Henry VIII.
William, Abbot of the monastery of the blessed Virgen Mary of Kinges Guarre, 28 January, 27 Henry VIII.
Michael Lyster esquire, 12 September, 27 Henry VIII.
Francis Dautrey esquire, 12 September, 27 Henry VIII.
William Thorpe esquire, 12 September, 27 Henry VIII.
William Barkeley knt., 18 January, 28 Henry VIII.
James Wursley knt., 20 August, 29 Henry VIII.
The Honorable Lord Maltravers, 27 September, 29 Henry VIII.
John Walloppe knt., 27 September, 29 Henry VIII.
Thomas Lisle knt., 27 September, 29 Henry VIII.
Clement Harleston knt., 27 September, 29 Henry VIII.
Richard Blounte esquire, 27 September, 29 Henry VIII.
Thomas Welles the elder esquire, 16 September, 32 Henry VIII.
Thomas Sherley gentleman, 27 February, 32 Henry VIII.
John Warener, barbour and surgyn, 4 January, 35 Henry VIII.
William Kalway esquire, 29 July, 1549 A.D.
Sir Hugh Paulet knt., 23 November, 3 Edward VI.
Sir John Kingesmill knt., 8 April, 7 Edward VI.
Olyver Saint-John esquire, 26 September, 2 & 3 Philip and Mary.
Richarde Worsleye esquire, 2 January, 1555 A.D.
William Bowier gentleman, 16 August, 2 & 3 Philip and Mary.
Thomas Shukborowe, 16 August, 2 & 3 Philip and Mary.
Edmund Cockerrelle gentleman, 30 September, 1 Elizabeth.
Thomas Carewe esquire, 19 September 1561 A.D.
John Hoper esquire, 28 November 1561 A.D.
Charells Vaghan gentleman, 12 December 1565 A.D.
Henry Wallopp esquire, 20 April 1569 A.D.
John Worsley esquire, 16 September 1569 A.D.
Oddet de Colligny, Cardinall de Chastillon 29 October 1570 A.D.
Edward Horssey esquire, Captayne of the Quene's Majesties Isle of Wight, 29 October 1570 A.D.
James Pagget esquire, 29 October 1570 A.D.
Gilbert Wells esquire, 13 January 1571 A.D.
John Searlle gentleman, 13 January 1571 A.D.
John Barnabie gentleman, servant to the Rt. Hon. the Earle of Lecester, admitted at his lordship's request, 31 March 1572 A.D.
John Penrodocke esquire, Recorder of the town of Southampton, 21 May 1572 A.D.
The Rt. Hon. Henry, Earl of Suthampton, 1 December 17 Elizabeth.
The Right Worshipful Roger Manwood, one of the Quene's Justices of the Court of Comen Place at Westminster, 28 March 1577 A.D.
Thomas Fleming esquire, 28 February 1579 A.D.

Sir Thomas Leighton knt., Captain of the Quene's Majesties Isle of Guarnzey, 1 April 1580.
Foulk Grevill esquire, son and heir of Sir Foulk Greuill knt., 27 January 1580.
Thomas Wilkes esquire, one of Her Majesties clarkes of the Privy Council, 28 January 1580.
Richard Knight esquire, 9 September 1581.
William Lewkner esquire, 1 February 1581.
Henry Knowlls esquire, 17 March 1581.
Martin Furbusher gentleman, 17 March 1581.
Frauncis Mills gentleman, 17 March 1581.
Sir Humfrey Gilbert knt., 27 August 1582.
The Rt. Hon. Henry, Lord Haward and Viscount Bindon, 14 September 1582.
William Wallope esquire, 20 March 1584.
Sir George Carie knight, Marshal of Her Majesties Household and Captain of the Isle of Wight, 2 August 1584.
The Rt. Hon. Sir Henry Carey, K.G., Baron Hunsdon, 28 October 1585.
Thomas West esquire, 28 October 1585.
The Rt. Worshipful Sir Walter Raleigh knt., 10 September 1586.
Caro Raleigh esq., 10 September 1586.
Sir Edward Hobbi knt., 2 May 1587.
Sir John Norrys knt., Lord President of Munster in the realm of Ireland, 1 May 1588.
The Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Seymour knt., Lord Beauchamp and Earle of Hertforde, 4 June 1588.
John Seymour esquire, 4 June 1588.
The Rt. Hon. Charles, Lord Howard and Baron of Effingham, Lord High Admiral, 23 June 1589.
The Rt. Hon. Robert Earl of Essex, 13 August, 31 Elizabeth.
The Rt. Hon. George, Earl of Comberlande, 13 August, 31 Elizabeth.
The Rt. Hon. Ferdinando, Lord Straunge, 3 October, 32 Elizabeth.
The Rt. Hon. Henry, Earl of Suthampton, 9 January, 33 Elizabeth.
The Rt. Wor. Thomas Candishe esquire, 9 July, 33 Elizabeth.
The Wor. Olliuer Cromewell esquire, son and heir to Sir Henry Cromewell knt., 9 July, 33 Elizabeth.
Don Anthonio, King of Portugal, 11 May, 33 Elizabeth.
The Right Wor. Julius Cæsar D.C.L., Judge of Her Majesty's High Court of Admiralty, 10 August, 34 Elizabeth.
The Rt. Hon. Sir Edmunde Anderson knt., Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, 19 March, 34 Elizabeth.
The Rt. Hon. Thomas Gent, Baron of the Court of Exchequer, 16 July, 34 Elizabeth.
Sir Walter Sandes knt., 30 December, 35 Elizabeth.
The Rt. Hon. Lord Henrie Seymour, 7 January, 35 Elizabeth.
Sir John Savadge knt., 8 August, 35 Elizabeth.
The Rt. Hon. Robert, Lord Riche, 28 May, 36 Elizabeth.
Sir Charles Blunt knt., Governor of Portesmuthe, 28 May, 36 Elizabeth.
Rt. Wor. Robert Duddeley esquire, 6 November, 36 Elizabeth.
Rt. Hon. Sir Thomas Wallmesley, Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, 6 February, 37 Elizabeth.
The Wor. Edward Fermer esq., one of the Justices of Her Majesty's Bench, 13 August, 37 Elizabeth.
Sir Anthonie Sherley knt., 16 April, 38 Elizabeth.
Thomas Lambert esquire, 16 April, 38 Elizabeth.

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Hampden Pawlett esquire, 20 July, 38 Elizabeth.
The Worshipful John Trevor esquire, 13 August, 38 Elizabeth.
The Worshipful Robert Sackvill esquire, son and heir of the Lord Buckhurst, 5 September, 38 Elizabeth.
The Rt. Worshipful Sir Mathewe Arrundell knt., 30 September, 38 Elizabeth.
Sir Olliver Lambert knt., 27 November, 39 Elizabeth.
The Rt. Hon. William, Lord Seint John, 16 January, 39 Elizabeth.
The Rt. Hon. William, Lord Sandys, 16 January, 39 Elizabeth.
Henry Wallop esquire, son and heir of Sir Henry Wallop knt., 16 January, 39 Elizabeth.
Benjamin Ticheborne esquire, 16 January, 39 Elizabeth.
William Uvedall esquire, 16 January, 39 Elizabeth.
Gyles Hobbie esquire, 16 January, 39 Elizabeth.
Henry Audeley esquire, 16 January, 39 Elizabeth.
Richard Kingeswell esquire, 16 January, 39 Elizabeth.
Henry Collthorpe esquire, 16 January, 39 Elizabeth.
Sir Henry Durant knt., 5 November, 39 Elizabeth.
Thomas Connawaye esquire, 5 November, 39 Elizabeth.
Carey Reynolds esquire, one of Her Majesty's gentlemen pensioners, 5 November, 39 Elizabeth.
William Cotton esquire, 5 November, 39 Elizabeth.
William Duttson esquire, 7 November, 40 Elizabeth.
John Yonge of Chichester esquire, 7 November, 40 Elizabeth.
William Gressham esquire, 7 November, 40 Elizabeth.
Thomas Kervyse of Stanbridge esquire, 9 November, 40 Elizabeth.
Roger Tuchborne of Shervill co. Southampton, 9 November, 40 Elizabeth.
Thomas Cheeke esquire, 8 January, 41 Elizabeth.
Thomas Fleminge esquire, son and heir of Thomas Fleminge esquire, Her Majesty's Solicitor-General, 8 January, 41 Elizabeth.
Symon Steward esquire, 8 January, 41 Elizabeth.
William Fletewood esquire, Her Majesty's Receiver-General of the Court of Warde and Liveries, 8 January, 41 Elizabeth.
Robert Wright D.D., 8 January, 41 Elizabeth.
Thomas Clerke of Avington esquire, 3 May, 41 Elizabeth.
Sir William Clarcke knt. 13 August, 41 Elizabeth.
Sir Robert Needham knt., 13 August, 41 Elizabeth.
Sir Michael Blunt knt. 13 January, 42 Elizabeth.
The Worshipful Rowland Litton of Knebbworth, co. Hertford, esquire, 2 May, 43 Elizabeth.
Sir Richard Fetteplace knt. 4 June, 44 Elizabeth.
Thomas, Lord Dellawarr, 22 September, 44 Elizabeth.
Sir Thomas Sherley the elder knt., 22 September, 44 Elizabeth.
Sir John Tracey of Tuddenham, co. Gloster, knt., 22 September, 44 Elizabeth.
Sir Peter Warberton, knt., Justice of the Common Pleas, 31 July, 1 James I.
Edward Savadge, esquire, 31 July, 1 James I.
Sir William Rider knt., Lord Mayor of London, 12 August, 1 James I.
Sir Thomas Laake knt., Clerk of His Majesty's Signet, 12 August, 1 James I.
Sir William Peyton knt., Gouernor of Jersey, 30 August, 1 James I.
Sir John Peyton knt., son of the said Sir William, 30 August, 1 James I.

Sir Thomas Edmondes, a Clerk of the Privy Council and His Majesty's Secretary for the French Army, 7 September, 1 James I.

Sir Lewis Lewckner knt., Master of the Ceremonies and one of the Honorable Band of His Majesty's Gentlemen Pensioners, 19 September, 1 James I.

Sir Robert Sidney knt., Lord Sidney of Penshurst, Lord Chamberlain to the Quene's Majesty and Governor of Flushinge, 14 October, 1 James I.

Sir Frauncis Knollys knt., 14 October, 1 James I.

Sir William Courtney knt., 14 October, 1 James I.

John Leweson esquire, "Querry to the Quene's Majesty," 14 October, 1 James I.

The Rt. Hon. Henry, Earl of Northumberland, 15 October, 1 James I.

The Rt. Hon. Lodovike, Duke of Lenox, 21 October, 1 James I.

The Rt. Hon. Thomas, Earl of Suffolke, 21 October, 1 James I.

The Rt. Hon. William, Earl of Pembroke, 21 October, 1 James I.

The Rt. Hon. John, Earl of Marr, 21 October, 1 James I.

The Rt. Hon. the Lord Hewme, 21 October, 1 James I.

The Rt. Hon. William, Lord Effingham, 21 October, 1 James I.

Sir Thomas Areskin, knt., captain of His Majesty's Guard, 21 October, 1 James I.

Sir Philipp Harbert knt., 21 October 1 James I.

Sir James Haye knt., 21 October, 1 James I.

To the records of these admissions of 21 October, 1 James I., is appended this marginal memorandum "The Kinge's Ma^{tie} was this daye in this towne & came hither yesterdaye the xxth of October & this daye went to Sarum."

The Rt. Hon. John, Lord Ramesey, 14 September, 4 James I.

The Rt. Hon. John, Lord Areskin, son and heir of the Earl of Marr, 14 September, 4 James I.

Sir Patricke Moory knt., 14 September, 4 James I.

Sir Thomas Savage knt., 28 July, 5 James I.

Sir Walter Tichborne knt., 28 July, 5 James I.

Sir Peter Bucke knt., 1 September, 5 James I.

Sir John Doddridge knt. S. L., 14 September, 5 James I.

Sir Myles Fleetwood knt., 14 September, 5 James I.

Sir Gerrard Fleetwood knt., 14 September, 5 James I.

Sir Richard Gifforde knt., 21 December, 8 James I.

Sir Frauncis Castilian knt., 21 December, 8 James I.

Robert Wallopp esquire, 21 December, 8 James I.

Payne Fisher gentleman, 21 December, 8 James I.

William Conaway, Doctour of Phisicke, 1 September, 9 James I.

Hennage Finche of the Inner Temple, London, esquire, 6 September, 12 James I.

Frauncis Asheley of the Middle Temple, London, esquire, 6 September, 12 James I.

The Rt. Hon. Charles, Lord Lambarte, 17 September, 17 James I.

The Rt. Hon. Lionell Lord Cranfield, Earl of Middlesex and Lord High Treasurer of England, 4 June, 21 James I.

The Rt. Hon. . . . Lord Marquesse Hamilton, Earl of Cambridge, K.G., 4 June, 21 James I.

The Rt. Hon. Thomas, Earl of Arundell and Surrey, 4 June, 21 James I.

The Rt. Hon. Arthur lord Chichester, Baron of Bellfaste, Lord Treasurer of Ireland, 4 June, 21 James I.

Sir William Spooner knt., 4 June, 21 James I.

Sir Thomas Badger knt., 4 June, 21 James I.

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Inigo Jones, esq., 4 June, 21 James I.
James, Lord Wriothesley, son and heir of the Rt. Hon. Henry, Earl of Southampton, 6 July 1623.
Thomas Wriothesley, esq., 6 July 1623.
Richard Cromwell of Henshinbrook co. Hunts. esq., 6 July 1623.
The Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Ritche knt., Earl of Warwick, 25 October, 2 Charles I.
Raphael, Allen, barber-surgeon and servant to the Rt. Hon. Edward Lord Conway, 25 October, 2 Charles I.
The Rt. Hon. Edward, Lord Conway, 9 December, 2 Charles I.
Sir Henry Mildemay knt., Master of the King's Jewel House, 11 December, 2 Charles I.

Bearing in mind that it might be extended to three times its length, the peruser of the foregoing list of exemplary names will not hesitate to infer that during several successive generations, it was the practice of chiefs of the corporation to draw within their lines, by means of complimentary enfranchisement, most of the persons of rank or considerable quality who passed through the town. The entries of the commonwealth period may be especially commended to the consideration of students and historians of Hampshire in the seventeenth century.

(7.) Extracts from the Books of examinations, informations, and depositions; an imperfect series of books, beginning with Volume 1576–7.

16 June 1590. Letters (from Lords of the Council to all Mayors, sheriffs, &c., &c.) of safe-conduct and free passage for John Battrae, Michael Hornet, and Mathias Petrus, all of Hungarie, who in defence of the Gospel have been taken prisoners by the Turk, and are bound to redeem themselves by the payment of heavy ransoms, "for the answeringe whereof they have accordinglie putt their friends in pledge;" With permission to the same John Battrae, Michael Hornet, and Mathias Petrus to return beyond the seas, and on their way to gather money of Her Highness's "subjects towards their relief, recoverie of theire estate and redemption of theire pledges abovesaide." Dated (with nine signatures) from the Court at Greenwich.

22 February 1663. Deposition of Richard Massey of Milbrook co. Southampton gentleman, aged sixty-three years, before John Stepto, mayor of Southampton. Deposing "that hee hath alwaies hitherto heen a true and faithfull subject to our souverein Lord the King that now is, That he never searched either in the Lord Treasurer's house or any other house or place whatsoever for him (as maliciously hath been lately affirmed against him); but on the contrary ever earnestly desired his Maties restauracion and was and yett is ready to serve him with his life and fortune and hath alwaies been conformable to the discipline of the Church of England as it is now established; Further he deposeth that hee suffered very much in the late troubles by being plundered by the Parliament's forces and was not only by their power carryed a prisoner to Portsmouth but unduly put out of the Surveyor's place in the Custome House of the Port of Southampton."

3 May 1577. From the Lords of the Council to all Justices of the Peace, maiors &c. Letters (copy) of safe-conduct and free-passage for the bearers thereof, viz., "Mounser de la Persone, Mounser de Hearcourt, Mounser de Bonecourte and Mounser de la Hugnery frenche gentlemen w^th their traynes and servantes to the number of xxx persons," who have "hir Maties good favor and licens presently to repayer into Fraunce." Dated from Westminster.

29 March 1628. Deposition of George Gregorie of London merchant, aged 24 years, that Richard Tirrill of Southampton "sett forth in a voyage to St. Christopher's Island from Yarmouth in the Isle of Wight about the xxixth day of Aprill last past in a shipp called the Faith of London, of the burthern of 300 tonnes or thereabouts, · · · and dyed on that voyage"; the deponent being qualified to speak to the facts, "because he went the same voyage in the same shipp in the companie of the said Richard Tirrell, being factour for one M^{r} Maurice Tompson, a merchaunt of London, who was an adventurer in that same shipp."

13 September 1629. Relation of Steven Day of St Katherine's near London, "Marriner-gunner of a shipp called the St. Claude, whereof Capteine Leonard Caluert, soune of the Lord Baltimore was capteine, in a voyage to Newfoundland, set forth about Aprill last past, being one of His Majesty's shipps, lent to carrie provision thither for the Lord Baltimore." With several other depositions touching the same ship and voyage.

28 November 1624. Several depositions respecting the suspicious behaviour and language of one William Morgan B.A. Oxon, and clerk, charged with saying that the Queen Elizabeth was a whore and a witch, that the King of Spain paid his soldiers more in a single year than all the revenues of England were worth, and that before the body of Henry late Prince of Wales was cold on earth "his soule was frying on a grid-iron in hell;" one of the depositions being the same William Morgan's account of his education, employment in England, travels in foreign countries, and experience since his return from foreign parts to his proper country. In this long and curious narrative of his personal adventures, the deponent certified that he was born in Merionethshire, was a Bachelor of Arts of Oxford, and had kept a school and served a cure in Somersetshire, when moved with desire to see lands beyond sea, he threw up his school and cure, and starting forth with 18*l.* in his pocket and no other resources went to Boulogne, Paris, and Rome, on withdrawing from which last-named capital, he "travelled over the Alpes into Germanye" and concluded his continental wanderings by taking ship at Dunkirch for Ipswich co. Suffolk, whence he journeyed to Cambridge, Bedford, Wallingford, Newbury, and Southampton, being aided and sustained on his way by the hospitalities of the clergy, who befriended him as an unfortunate member of their own order, and by the benevolences of other charitable individuals. As to the charges made against him, the deponent averred, that in answer to a question, he had said of Queen Elizabeth "In Spayne *they* say shee was a whore and a witch," and only repeated what was said on the authority of a Catholic priest in Rome to the late Prince of Wales's discredit, viz., "that before his body was cold on earth, his soul was frying in hell."

Containing particulars of evidence touching the more important of the various criminal matters and civil causes, that held the attention of the Borough Magistrates, these books of depositions and examinations are notably rich in evidential writings, having reference to suits in the Southampton Admiralty Court, and the doings of our merchant adventurers from the reign of Elizabeth to the close of the seventeenth century. The historian of England's maritime interests, desirous of producing a complete narrative of the exploits of our merchant adventurers—and more especially of those of them who were concerned in the first settlement and maintenance of our plantations in the West Indies and the mainland of North America—should seek access to these books, in order that he may search them for particulars respecting the

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vessels, seamen, and colonizing adventurers who crossed the Atlantic in the days of Elizabeth and the seventeenth century Stuarts.

(8.) 1591 to 1689 A.D. Book of Remembrances of the town of Southampton; with Assembly orders and minutes, &c.: Containing the following copy of Letters certificatory and commendatory, dated by Anne of Denmark in behalf of her players:—"Warrant from the Queene's Majestie of her Players. Anna Regina.—Anne by the grace of God Queene of England, Scottland, Fraunce, and Ireland. To all Justices of the Peace, Maiors, Sheriffs, Bayliffes, and all other his Majestes Officers and loving subiectes to whom yt shall or maye appertaine greetinge, Know yee that of our speciall grace and favour, Wee are well pleased to authorize under our hand and signett the bearers hereof our sworne servauntes Robert Lee, Martin Statier and Roger Barfeld with theyr fellowes and associates being our Commedians vppon theyr humble suite unto us for theyr better mainetenaunce, Yf att annie time they should have occasion to travell into anie parte of his Majestes Dominions to playe Tragedyes, historyes, commedies and pastoralls as well in anie about the Cittye of London, and in all other cittyes vniversities and townes at all time anie times (the time of divine seruice onlye excepted), Theise are therefore to will and requier you uppon the sight hereofe quiettlye and favourably with your best favours, to permitt and suffer them, to use theyr sayd qualitye within your Jurisdiccions without anie of your molestacions or troubles, and also to affourd them your Townehalls and all other such places as att anie time have been used by men of theyr qualitye, That they maye be in the better readiness for our seruise when they shalbe thereunto commaunded, Nott doubtinge butt that our sayd servauntes shall find the more favour for our sake in your best assistaunce, Wherein you shall doe vnto us acceptable pleasure. Given att the Court of Whitehall, the seaventh daye of Marche 1605."

(9.) Extracts from the Assembly Books: An imperfect series of volumes, beginning with the register of 1602–3 A.D.

2 October 1, 1605. "Uppon the repaire hither of iiii^{xx} x Irishmen souldiers bounde for Flushinge vnder the conduct of one Lieutenant Tirrell under Captain William Darsie, whose cominge to the Towne was from St. Ives in Cornewall, hopinge here to meet with a barke for there transportacion as was promised them as they saye, and missinge the said barke and againe the winde beinge contrarie not likelie to come thither a longe time, they beinge in great want of monie for their reliefes, not havinge anie to supplie there wantes, exhibitinge there peticion to that effect vnto the Maior, desiering that he or the Towne would take order for there victuallinge and diettes in this Towne for iii or iiii dayes within which time (as they alleadged) they hoped to receave monies from there Capten.—Yt was rather ordered by the Howse to ridd them out of the Towne, and to bestow vppon them in monie fortie shillinges which was by the consent of the Howse presentlie giuen them by M^{r} Maior, together with a passport for there travell to London."

2 April 1613. "This daie Stephen Chaplyn is admitted to be one of the musitians of this towne in the place of William Tompson, and the saide Stephen Chaplyn is to furnisshe the companie with him selfe and two others, and William Greene one other the said musitians is to furnisshe the said companie with himselfe and one other. And the saide Stephen Chaplyn doth hereby covenaunt . . . . to redeliver or cause to be redelivered unto the said Mayor bailiffes and burgesses and

their successors or assigns, one of the Cognizaunces or Badges above mencioned (which he is presentlie to receave) at any tyme or tymes when he shalbe thereunto required.

12 August 1608. "Alsoe this daye Judith Bradinge, daughter of Besse Brankie (*sic*), approoved to be a whore by her owne confession, As also Walter Bands wife, a notable Bawde, havinge bene heretofore punished for bawdrye and now alsoe approved against her: Yt is ordered that the saide bawde Wooddye bande shalbe soundlye whipped at a carts tayle throughout the towne, and the said Judith to be whipped closelye in the Townehall.

10 February 1608. "Hughe New a Sargeweaver havinge by letter complayned to Mr. Maior of a lewd houswife named Judith Bradinge daughter of Elizabeth Brankin (*sic*), heretofore detected for her honestie and punished, was this daye sent to the house, and the said Judith alsoe present; Uppon heeringe of whiche complainte in the presence of both parties, yt plainelie appeareth by her owne confession uppon her knees askinge God and said Hughe New forgivnes, acknowledginge she hath slaundered him without anie cause . . . . . Yt was thought fittinge by the House that she should receave open punishment, but that, uppon her humble suite and peticion promissinge to depart this towne, her punishment is respetted."

28 April 1615. "This daie Jane Maiior being presented at last Sessions by the Grand Jurie for a churwoman and this daie sent for to this house was appoynted to place herself in service within a month now next comynge at her perille."

28 April 1615. "Susan Vibert a churwoman, who latelie came out of Jarsey is this daye appoynted to returne againe into the saide Ile of Jarsey in the next barcke that saileth thither."

28 April 1615. "Margaret Rumboll a churwoman was this present daie sent for to this house and charged to gett herselfe into service presentlie uppon payne of a whippinge."

28 April 1615. "Mary Quinton a churwoman was this present daie alsoe sent for and charged to gett herselfe into service within one moneth next at her perill."

27 October 1615. "This day Ordered, that whereas it hath pleased Almightie God to vysite Mrs Toldervey, wife of Mr Phillip Toldervey, alderman, with a lunacy and great distemperature of minde, as too notoriously appereth; The like wherof he may (if so be it his pleasure) lay uppon any one of us: from the which we humblie beseech his Majestie to preserve us and all others, and for his mercies sake to restore her to her former sence and understanding: In the meane time, seeing that her speches are manie times most idle odious and scandalous againste His Majestie and the state, and that also her walking abrode appereth to be verie daungerous, bothe in regarde of her owne percon and also of others her neighbours whoe stand in great feare of her: It is thought fitt and so ordered by the Assembly of this house this day, that the said Mr Toldervey be required to take course, that she may not hencefourth walke abrode out of his house, but be closely kepte upp, untill it shall please god to geve her a feeling of his grace. All which we require to bee done, as well to prevent all daunger of hurte unto her owne percon as aforesaid as to others, Whoe alredie stand in great feare of her, to avoide all disquiettnes in the Church at the Assemblies, both on the Sabboth daies and other daies for Christian exercises, As also all occasion of scandall by reason he is one of our Company: which if he

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shall refuse or wilfully neglect to do, we shalbe forced to take such further order, as we are and shalbe unwilling to proceede unto."

5 May 1620. "Stephen Chaplyn one of the Musitians of this towne beinge for drunkennes and other mysdemeanours by him oftentimes committed thought an unfitt person to be one of the Companie of the Musitians of the same Towne, and therefore he being this daie called to this house and forbidden to be anie more of the saide Companye, his Lyverie was taken from him: It being then agreed that he shall have so much allowed him as the making of the Lyverie amounted unto . . . . Memorandum that he had his lyverie redelyvered againe, uppon promise that he will not be drunken againe hereafter."

6 February 1623. "Stage players. Forasmuch as the grauntinge of leave to stage players or players of interludes and the like, to act and represent theire interludes playes and shewes in the towne-hall is very hurtfull troublesome and inconvenyent for that the table benches and fourmes theire sett and placed for holdinge the Kinges Courtes are by those meanes broken and spoyled, or at least wise soe disordered that the Mayor and bayliffes and other officers of the saide courts comminge thither for the administracion of justice, especially in the Pipowder Courts of the said Towne, which are there to bee holden twice a day yf occasion soe require, cannot sit there in such decent and convenient order as becometh, and dyvers other inconvenyences do thereupon ensue, It is therefore ordered by generall consent that from hensforth no leave shall bee graunted to any stage players or interlude players or to any other person or persons resortinge to this towne to act shewe or represent any manner of interludes or playes or any other sports or pastymes whatsoever in the said hall."

18 May 1632. "This day there was a certificate made and sealed with the lesser seale of office of mayraltie and was signed by those whose names are in the margent directed to the Lords and others of His Majesties most Hon^ble^ Privie Councell concerninge the venting and selling of tobacco by retaile, what persons were thought most fitting within this towne to use that trade, according as the Mayor and aldermen of this towne were required by theire honors letters, bearing date the last of Aprill last paste, And Joseph Mason, Richard Cornelius, and William Stanley, grocers, James Mason, John Harman, and Thomas Dowse chaundlers, and John Thackham apothecarie were returned in the certificate fitt persons to vent and sell Tobacco by retayle."

10 May 1639. "This day Jacob Thring a fencer being sent for to this house and questioned for infamous words and lyes by him reported about the Towne concerning M^r^ Gollop alderman, and constantly denying them till it was proved to his face by William Higgins, was committed to the bargate prison, there to remaine till hee shall finde sufficient sureties for his appearance at the next Sessions, there to be ordered for his lewd carriage. Hee reported that hee had putt a tricke vpon M^r^ Gollop by way of scoffe and derision, saying that M^r^ Gollop mett him in the streete and called him Syrrah, askeing how often his servant had beene in the said Thringes schoole: And that hee the said Thring disdayning to be called Syrrah presently clapt on his hatt and stucke it up before M^r^ Gollop: And that M^r^ Gollop asked him whether hee knew to whom hee spake, and that hee the said Thring answered him scoffingly, that hee did not ride a gallop, but hee knew that hee spake to Alderman Gallop. . . . . All which are notorious lyes."

8 November 1642. "It is this day ordered and agreed in the presence of M^r^ Maior and M^r^ Whitehead, M^r^ Button, and M^r^ Hooper esqrs.,

three of the Deputie Lieutenants of the countie of Southampton, and of the towne and countie of Southampton with the assent of the aldermen and assistants then present, That the said Mr Whitehead, collonell of a regiment in com. Southampton, doth or shall bring into this towne and countie of Southampton the number of 300, 400 or 500 men for appeasing the present tumult within this towne and such as may in future time arrise, and for the defence of the same towne, shalbe admitted into the saide towne, Provided that the said collonell doth duly and orderly pay the said 300, 400 or 500 men."

27 November 1642. "It is this day ordered and agreed that the persons undernamed shall have authority for the defence and safegard of this Towne, to summon by beating [drum], in case any assault shalbe made upon the same, the inhabitants of the several wards to them hereby assigned, and in the meane time to putt them into such a posture of defence as they shall thinke best for the security and keeping of the same towne, vizt. For the ward of Holly Roodes Henry Bracebridge . . . , Peter Legay, Robert Mason, and James Mason: For the ward of All Sts Peter Clungeon and Robert Wroth aldermen, Roger Pedley and William . . . . ; For the wards of St Michaell's and St John's, Edward Richards esq. Joseph Delamotte and Gyles Clement."—Also, on the same leaf (1 December 1642). An order for deferring all enquiry respecting the recent tumults in the town, lest the inquisition should occasion fresh tumults, which "might draw forces upon the Towne from the Kinges ships."

2 December 1642. Letter from Richard Swanley to the Mayor and aldermen of the Town of Southampton.—"You well know in what distraccions this kingdome is in at this Time. I am placed here by authority of Parliament, for the quiett and peace of this parte of the kingdome, which I shall endeavour to maintaine as farre as my abillity of life and fortune may extend. Your Towne is a considerable place of merchandizing, and by reason thereof are men amongst you of very good fortune and estates, and to preserve their estates and soe in generall through the whole kingdome, with their religion and libertie is the only ayme of Parliament, and noe question those that shall oppose either of these are vnfitt to enjoy either, but to be branded with baseness: There are divers reports in the County of your forwardnes in opposing the Parliament herein, but I hope you wish your owne peace herein, better then soe, if you should there can nothing befall you but ruin and destruccion. To know the truth of this I have sent my letter unto you, as likewise whether you will submitt your selves obedient to the commands of Parliament, and soe consequently to the direccions and commands of the Gouvernor of Portsmouth, and the Committee there authorized by both houses of Parliament for the peace of this parte of the kingdome. I have seized Cashott Castle, disabled St. Andrewes Castle and Netley Castle, I have seased all the boats at Hirth and thereabouts, I have given order to stop all provision from comming out of the Isle of Wight, all wch I have done by Command of the Committee at Portsmth. I have alsoe authority to summon you and that Towne to your obedience to the Grand Councell of England to which I desire an answer, if noe answer I shall take it as a deniall, and then if any unhappines befall you thanke yourselues, for I shall to my uttermost endeavour use all my power to bring you thereunto. I pray you lett this letter bee knowne to the Commons as to your selves. Thus expecting an answer by this messenger I rest Yours as you use your selves. Ric. Swanley.

Dated from "On board his Majesties ship the Charles."

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3 December 1642. Letter from the Mayor and aldermen of Southampton to Captain Swanley aboard the Charles, riding at anchor neere Cowes. —" Sir, Yours of this month wee received this day about one of the clocke, the contents whereof cannot be communicated to the Inbabitants of this Towne untill Munday next; in the meanetime, We cannot but marvell that reports of our disaffeccion to the Parliament should bee spread of us, not knowing that wee haue done any acte to deserve the same. A more full answer to your letter you shall receive some time the next weeke. This with our hearty commendacions unto you remembered, Wee remaine Your very loving Freinds, Peter Seale, Maior" (with nine other signatures).

5 December 1642. Letter from the Mayor aldermen and burgesses of Southampton to Captain Richard Swanley; with a copy of the following letter of the same date, from the same Maior aldermen and burgesses to the Committee for the Countie of Southampton at Portesmouth.—" Worthy Sirs, It may please you to take notice that Wee lately received from Cap. Swanley a letter which wee thought fitt herewith to send you: We are heartily sorry that such suspicions should be uppon this Towne, being confident that there will appeare noe just cause for the same: Mr Maior hath summoned the Inhabitants of the Towne according to direccions and they whose names are hereunder written doe cheerefully and unanimously consent and agree to submitt themselves in obedience to the commands of the King and Parliament (according to the protestacion by them taken), and to the direccions of the Committee authorized by the Parliament for the Countie of Southampton. Our due respects presented wee humbly rest. Your Affectionate Servants." (With ninety-four signatures.)

22 August 1655. Letter from the Lord President Lawrence to [the aldermen and burgesses of Southampton]. " Gentlemen, His Highnesse and the Councell haveing taken into consideration the miscarriages and misdemeanours of William Higgens, Mayor of your Town of Southampton, William Stanley alderman, Edward Downer late High Sheriffe of that Corporacion, appearing by severall examinacions, have resolved That the said William Higgens, William Stanley and Edward Downer be dischardged from holding bearing or exercising the respective offices or places wherein they now are in that Corporacion, and doe hereby require that you and such others as have right in elections of this nature doe forthwith proceede to the elections of other fitt persons in their respective places, and that the persons so to bee chosen bee men of integrity piety and well affected to the present government. Whereof his highnesse and the Councell expect a due observance. Signed in the name and by order of His Highnesse and ye Councill, Hy. Lawrence, President." Dated from Whitehall. Followed in the book by the record of the elections made in accordance with the letter.

1659 December 11; Portsmouth. Letter from Sir Arthur Heselrigge and Colonels Robert Waller and H. Morley to the Mayor aldermen and burgesses of Southampton.—" Gentlemen, God by his providence having brought us hither to the Towne of Portsmuth, the Garrison hath declared for the Parliament. Wee are now considering how the forces and garisons of the Commonwealth according to the trust reposed in us by the Parliament can be disposed of and settled: And having busines of great importance to advise with you about, Wee desire that you or some of you come with all convenient speed to us at Portsmouth where wee shall readily advise with you for the publique good, and the welfare of your Towne. Wee are gentlemen," &c., &c.

13 December 1659. Letter from the Mayor aldermen and burgesses of Southampton to Sir Arthur Hesibrigge and Cols. Waller and Morley. "Gentlemen, Your Honours' of the xith of this instant is this day come to our handes, which hath beene communicated to the Common Councell of this Towne, who have desired us to acquaint your Honours that this Towne is, and hath for a long time beene under the Command of a Major and Company of Foote Souldiers sent hither by order of the Parliament, who have the keyes of the gates in their possession, and of late they are reinforced which some horse and foote which quarter in this Towne, so that at present the Civil Magistrate hath not any power or capacity left in them to answere Your Honours' desire in waiting on Your Honours, in order to any treaty about it, and doe therefore humbly begg your Honours charitable opinion of us and this Towne, and your favourable excuse of us here in desiring and praying that God may dispose Your Honours hearts and all others of this nation to a generall and settled peace, which hath beene is and shall bee the dayly continued prayers of" &c., &c. (With fourteen signatures.)

8 June 1660. Subscriptions of acceptance of the King Charles the Second's Free and General Pardon, dated at Breda under His Majesty's sign-manual and signet on $\frac{4}{14}$ April last past.

23 June 1662. Letters dated under the Sign Manual and Signet of Charles the Second, and directed to the Mayor and Common Council of the town of Southampton, for the suppression of factious and disobedient persons within the Corporation.

11 July 1665. Letters from Lords of the Council to the Mayor and aldermen of Southampton. For the relief and due care of poor sufferers from the pestilence of the plague, raging within the said town. Followed by a list of contributions towards the relief of the same sufferers, headed "The Charitable Guifts of well Disposed Persons for the Releife of the Poore of this Towne and County in this tyme of visitacion and distresse." Several other entries, having reference to this outbreak of the Plague, appear in the book about the same time.

. . . . August 1669. Orders for the loyal reception of His Majesty the King, on the occasion of his visit to Southampton.

26 November 1669. This House (haveing taken into consideracion the practice of the Citty of Winton and the Corporacion of Rumsey in setting out of halfe pence and farthings for changeing of Money) have unanimously ordered, That whereas severall Inhabitants of this Towne and County have heretofore put forth halfe pence and farthings upon their own private account, Proclamacion to be forthwith made that they severall Inhabitants of the Towne and County aforesaid doe by the first day of January next call in all their half pence and farthings by them severally sett forth, against which said first of January, It is decreed that the Mayor of this Towne send for twenty-five pounds worth of brasse halfe pence and farthings, and cause them to be stamped with the Towne Armes on one side and this Inscripcion on the other side, vizt., "The Corporacion of Southampton to be distributed to the several shop keepers, that have occasion for the same, for the benefitt of the Poore of the Corporacion."

(10.) A Group of Seven Books that may be styled the Molyneux Books, as they pertained in former time either to William Molyneux (the mathematician, who was John Flamsteed's friend) or to his son Samuel Molyneux, and were probably placed amongst the muniments of the Corporation by some Town Clerk, who acted as attorney for either the

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said William Molyneux or Samuel Molyneux, or some other member of the Molyneux family.

(1.) 2 September 1681, to 10 May 1690. John Flamsteed's and William Molyneux's Letters: a Folio (lettered at the back 'M^r Flamsteed's Letters No. 7') containing seventy-one original letters that passed between John Flamsteed of the Greenwich Observatory and William Molyneux of Dublin between the above-given days; the epistles, which relate chiefly to questions arising from the scientific pursuits of the correspondents, being arranged in chronological order between the leaves of the volume in which they are preserved, without being stitched or otherwise fixed. Flamsteed's letters, dated usually from the Greenwich Hospital, are addressed in most cases "To M^r William Molyneux at his father's house near Ormond Gate in Dublin;" and several of the scientific intercommunications of the two correspondents are illustrated with carefully executed diagrams. Reference is made once and again in the correspondence to the labours of Sir Isaac Newton.

(*a.*) 1681 September 17; Dublin. From William Molyneux to John Flamsteed. ". . . . I must returne you my thanks for the troble you put yourself to in trying my glasses. I hope their goodnesse will incourage me to use them to some purpose, especially now that I have the help and advice of one of the most celebrated Astronomers of Europe. . . . But, Sir, I must confesse to you I have not the advantages I expect hereafter. One thing I wanted was the assistance of one skilled in this Cœlestiall Knowledge, but in this I am abundantly and beyond my deserts releived by your generous selfe, for which I shall never be able to make a competent returne. The other is that living here in a kingdome barren of all things, but especially of ingenious artificers, I am wholly destitute of instruments that I can rely upon; but in this too I hope in a short tyme to be supplied."

(*b.*) 1681 December 3: Dublin. From William Molyneux to John Flamsteed. "Honor'd Sir, I deferd my answer to your last of October 12, knowing the ingagements you are under in Terme Time by your Gresham Lectures, which I am hartily sorry to hear you call allmost ruined. Truly 'tis pity so noble a designe shoulde fall to the ground. And 'tis a shame for the gentry of London to suffer the Great Professors of that Colledge to read sometimes to almost bare walls. Were a seditious balling (*sic*) fanatick in the pulpit, he would have a thick audience to hear his infernall doctrines, whilst the Cœlestiall Discourses of a learned astronomer or other mathematician are heard but by a few, and perhaps by them neglected."

(*c.*) 1686 February 20; Dublin. From William Molyneux to John Flemsteed. ". . . . There is lately come up to this Town from the country a gentleman that pretends to discover the Longitude, Jonathan Alland, a man perfectly ignorant of Mathematicks and Astronomy, and yet pretends to this (I believe) by inspiration, for he has no reason; he has pestered our Society with his banter severall times, and tho' what he proposes is to no manner of purpose, yet so hardened he is, as to print his stuff, and has already gotten a Silly Astrologicall Almanack-Scribler in this place to prefix before his Almanack, that the Dublin Society have approved of his (Alland's) Folly, whereas nothing can be more false, for we have told him in a civill way that he is an Asse, but thinking himself a Hind will find his mistake in leaping a ditch. His way in brieff is by the distance of the moon from fixt stars, and he thinks he has invented an instrument for avoiding of errours of Refraction and

Parallax, whereas certainly the poor man never heard of either Refraction or Parallax till our Society hinted it to him, and to this moment he understands neither fully."

(*d.*) 1688 June 16; . . . From John Flamsteed to William Molyneux. ". . . . I have read some 60 pages of Mr Newton, after which I found the most materiall parte of that booke being mastered the rest would be easy, but it cost me many dayes paines to get through them, and yet I thought my time well requited. At present I have layd him by, but as soone as Mr Sharpe (whom I have hired to supply Stafford's place) returne to me, I shall resume and goo through with him. Mr Sharpe is become an excellent geometrician and algebraist. As soone as he comes to his post and is setled, I shall acquaint you with my labours, for I have resolved that I will persist to the accomplishment of my designe, without any consideration of our present circumstances, and by so doeing I thinke I shall be lesse troubled with the thought of them."

(2.) . . . October 1681. Of the Motion of Heavy Bodys Falling and Projected; In Two Books; Wherein are shewn the Ingenious Performances of Nature by Motion in a Parabolick Line, and the universal Doctrine of Projects is Dispatched by the Description of a Semicircle. By Evangelista Torricellio. Translated from the Latin by W. M. (William Molyneux) for his Father's Use. Dublin: October, 1681. —Two Volumes.

(3.) "Ogygia seu Rerum Hibernicarum Chronologia. Ex pervetustis monumentis fideliter inter se collatis eruta atque e sacris ac profanis literis primarum orbis gentium tam genealogicis quam chronologicis sufflaminata præsidiis &c.: Liber Primus ab universali deluvio ad annum Virginei Partus 428 &c. With dedicatory Letter to the Duke of York (Epistola Dedicatoria Duci Eboracensi) by Rodericus O'Flaherty.—MS. Copy in William Molyneux's handwriting.

(4.) . . . . . Galileo's Dialogues: Translated into English by William Molyneux. With this dedicatory letter to the translator's Honoured and Affectionate Father. "Sir,—I here present you with as much of Galileo in English as serves for your designs. I need not tell you (who very well know already) the disadvantagious circumstances under which I set upon this Translation. But because no one knows the fate of his papers, or into whose hands they may fall hereafter, I must needs intimate, that I had not look'd into an Italian Grammar or other Italian Author over three days before I undertook this work. This I am the more willing to prefix before the following sheets, least hereafter they may be viewed by some that may censure me for the badness of the Translation. But these I will inform beforehand, That I [?did] this only for your Private Use; And also, that tho' I dare not undertake for the litterall exposition of some few places herein, yet I will promise for the full sense of the Whole, two or three passages (which are not at all materiall to the Doctrine) of which I am something distrustfull being excepted. And moreover I will venture to go a little further, and will aver in my own justification, that I do veryly beleive, taking the whole work together, I have performed it better than one more skilld in the Italian, and wholy ignorant in the Doctrine could possibly have done; and for Proof of this I could instance severall passages of the following work, which [? could] not easily (if at all) be rendred by the greatest Masters of that Language, that understood not the matter treated off. As for the baldnes, and sometimes impropriety of the English hereof, I was e'en forced thereto by the Italian, to which (where it was possible with

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any manner of fairnes) I have indeavoured to keep close, least otherwise (especially in matters of the Doctrine) I should vitiate the author's sense, not studying so much Netitude(?) as plainess of expression. Lastly, least I should seem in this translation 'Actum agere,' I must intimate also, That Mr Salisbury's Translation of these same Dialogues perishing all in the Fire of London, not one copy thereof could possibly be procured, or else I should never have undertaken a work for which in some circumstances I must confess myself so unfitt. And if any one on this my confession ask me, Why then did I undertake it, I answer them by saying, it was only for your perusall, to whose service, obedience and satisfaction my whole life shall be devoted, and in part of that great debt of duty and love which is owing to you by, Your Most Affectionate Sonn, William Molyneux."

(5.) 9 January 1707 to 19 December 1709. The Letter-Book of Samuel Molyneux of Trinity College, Dublin. Containing copies of the following letters, that passed between the said Samuel Molyneux and various correspondents between the above-given dates.

(*a.*) 1707. January 9. ; Wine Office Court, Fleet Street, London. F. Hauksbee to Samuel Molyneux. Letter about air-pumps. Dated from Wine Office Court, Fleet Street, London.

(*b.*) 1707 January 25; Dublin. Samuel Molyneux to the above-mentioned F. Hauksbee. About air-pumps.

(*c.*) 1707 February 27 ; London. F. Hauksbee to Samuel Molyneux. About an air-pump and apparatus with bill for the same, amounting to £26 8*s.* 0*d.*

(*d.*) Paper entitled "A Description of the Air-Pump," with illustrative diagrams.

(*e.*) 1707 June 24 ; London. A. Churchill to Samuel Molyneux. About certain "letters of Mr Lock's," which Mr Molyneux has kindly contributed to a collection that is being made of Mr Lock's (John Locke's) letters.

(*f.*) 1707 June 24 . . . . Samuel Molyneux to . Short note in which Mr Molyneux begs his correspondent to transmit an enclosed letter "to the ingenious Mr Derham" who "is well known to all the gentlemen of the Royal Society."

(*g.*) 1707 June 24 . . . . Samuel Molyneux to Mr Derham. Respecting "an extraordinary phenomenon of an unusual glare of light visible in the heavens at Dublin on 2 March 1706 (? $170\frac{6}{7}$), and the eclipse of the moon that occurred on the 6th of last April." In a post-script the writer says, "Sir I know not whether my Father, Wm. Molyneux, had ye honour of being known to you during his life. If he had the happiness of your acquaintance, I beg yt may in some way excuse the ill manners of his son in thus troubling with an impertinent letter a person no otherwise known to him than as he is to the whole learned world by his great worth and learning."

(*h.*) 1707 July 31 ; London. F. Hauksbee to Samuel Molyneux. Containing "the farther account of the Condensing Engine."

(*i.*) 1707 August 31 ; Upminster. Mr William Derham of Upminster to S[amuel] Molyneux. Touching the spots on the sun observed by Captain Stanyan in the year 1703, the last eclipse of the moon, and other matters of astronomical interest.

(*j.*) 1707 September 27 ; Trinity College, Dublin. Samuel Molyneux to the Rev. Mr William Derham, Rector of Upminster near Rumford, in Essex. On astronomical matters.

(*k.*) 1707 November 27; Dublin. Samuel Molyneux to the Reverend Father in God the Lord Bishop of Clogher. Touching the affairs of the Dublin Philosophical Society, and beginning thus—"My Lord, The underserved honour y^e^ Philosophical Society of Dublin have lately done me in commending me to officiate as their Secretary I am never more sensible of than when it gives me power of addressing myself to such worthy persons as your Good Lordship."

(*l.*) 1707 November 29; Trinity College, Dublin. Samuel Molyneux to the Rev^d^ M^r^ John Keogh of Strokestown co. Roscommon. Touching "the Revival of the Philosophical Society of Dublin, who have lately honoured" the writer "with the office of their Secretary."

(*m.*) 1707 November 30; Clogher. The Bishop of Clogher to Samuel Molyneux. Touching the Dublin Philosophical Society, and beginning with these words, "Sir I doe very heartily congratulate you on your being chosen Secretary to the Philosophical Society. Your worthy Father was our first Secretary upon our Establishment, and you are so upon our Revival. May you still succeed to and inherit every one of your father's valuable good qualitys."

(*n.*) 1707 December 6; . . . . Samuel Molyneux to the Bishop of Clogher. Comprising the list of the recently elected Council and Officers of the Dublin Philosophical Society.

(*o.*) 1707 December 6; Trinity College, Dublin. Samuel Molyneux to "the Ingenious Dr. Hans Sloan, Secretary to the Royal Society." For the establishment of correspondence between the Royal Society of London and the Philosophical Society of Dublin.

(*p.*) 1707 December 6; Trinity College, Dublin. Samuel Molyneux to M^r^ Ansham Churchill," at y^e^ sign of y^e^ Black Swan in Pater Noster Row, London." Relating chiefly to books published or about to be published. "I fear," says the writer, "we cannot yet awhile hope to see the excellent M^r^ Lock's Letters in Print. It would be a great satisfaction to me to know what measures you have taken concerning 'em. But while this brings to my mind the late Death of the worthy D^r^ Burrige, I can't but with sincere sorrow condole with you and all the world on the loss they have lately sustained of so deserving a person. You will oblige me in sending me a late [ ] Book of Algebra called 'Arithmetica Universalis sive de Compositione et Resolutione Arithmetica Liber,' which goes under M^r^ Isaac Newton's name."

(*q.*) 1707 December 6; Trinity College, Dublin. Samuel Molyneux to his former Tutor, the Rev^d^ M^r^ Walter Alkins, Roxborough, near Youghal co. Cork. Touching the Philosophical Society.

(*r.*) 1707 December 22; Stokestown near Elphin. John Keogh to Samuel Molyneux. Communications for the Philosophical Society, including memoranda in respect to a giant's bones examined by M^r^ James Reynolds of Loughscurr co. Letrim, and the Ambergrise gathered by the natives at Broad Haven, Eris co. Mayo, "who make thereot candles for themselves not knowing the value of it."

(*s.*) 170$\frac{7}{8}$ January 29; Trinity College, Dublin. Samuel Molyneux to M^r^ Charles Norman at his house in Londonderry. Inviting communications to the Dublin Philosophical Society, and asking particularly for "an account of your Barnacles in the Lough of Derry, and particularly as to their being fat and good meat, and no where else in Ireland, proceeding as we are informed from their peculiar feeding on a Sweet Tasted kind of Grass growing in an Island in that Lough."

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(*t.*) 170$\frac{7}{8}$, February 13; Londonderry. M^{r} Charles Norman to Samuel Molyneux. In reply to the last described epistle. Touching the barnacles of the Lough of Derry, the writer says, "As to the account which you desire of our barnacles, all that I can be informed of them is, that they come in here in vast flocks about the beginning of September, and goe away I suppose to a colder climate about the middle of March. They are the shyest birds that can be when they are abroad, but no sooner are they taken, but they become as familiar as any Tame fowl whatsoever, and will feed and grow fat upon oats or any other food that is thrown to common Poultry. They are usually taken here by Netts in dark nights, sett in the places which they frequent. You are rightly informed that the reason why they are good meat here and not fit to be eaten in other places is from their feeding upon a certain kind of sweet grass; but it is the roots and not the stalks which they eat, of which according to your desire I send you some inclos'd. The same kind of grass is also in Lough Swilly in the county of Donnegall where the barnacles also are very good."

(*u.*) 170$\frac{7}{8}$ February 16; Antrim. M^{r} John M^{c}Lean to Samuel Molyneux. Touching an invitation for communications to the Dublin Philosophical Society.

(*v.*) 170$\frac{7}{8}$ February 19; Trinity College, Dublin. Samuel Molyneux to M^{r} John M^{c}Lean of Antrim. Touching communications to the Dublin Philosophical Society.

(*w.*) 170$\frac{7}{8}$ March 13; Trinity College, Dublin. Samuel Molyneux to M^{r} Francis Nevill at Dungannon. An invitation to M^{r} Nevill to communicate with the Dublin Philosophical Society.

(*x.*) 170$\frac{7}{8}$ March 13; Trinity College, Dublin. Samuel Molyneux to M^{r} Rotherick O'Flagherty at Park nigh Galloway. Inviting M^{r} O'Flagherty to correspond with the Dublin Philosophical Society, and making reference to his extremely interesting MS. Description of Gallway.

(*y.*) 170$\frac{7}{8}$ March 13; Trinity College, Dublin. Samuel Molyneux to the Rev^{d} John Keogh at Stroaks near Elphin. Soliciting communications to the Dublin Philosophical Society.

(*z.*) 170$\frac{7}{8}$ March 13; Trinity College, Dublin. Samuel Molyneux to M^{r} Walter Alkins at Roxborough near Youghall or Cork. Letter for the same purpose.

(*aa.*) 170$\frac{7}{8}$ March 13; Trinity College, Dublin. Samuel Molyneux to ——. Asking for communications to the Dublin Philosophical Society.

(*bb.*) 1708 April 5; Upminster. The Rev. William Derham to Samuel Molyneux. Touching M^{r} Flamsteed's Calculations in respect to Circumjovial Eclipses, the Migration of birds, experiments with the Air-Pump, and other matters of scientific interest.

(*cc.*) 1708 April 9; Park nigh Galway Westward. R. O'Flaherty to Samuel Molyneux. Declaring the writer's readiness to further the ends of the Dublin Philosophical Society, and concluding with petulant remarks on the unfriendly critics of the "Ogygia." In the earlier part of the long letter, the writer, speaking gratefully of his dear friends M^{r} Molyneux and D^{r} Loftus, the said M^{r} Molyneux's successor in the Court ot Chancery, observes "your father was a means (perhaps not unknown to you) of the good Bishop of Meath's bounty to me, w^{ch} w^{d} prove more bountifull, had not he been prevented by Death at your father's house."

(*dd.*) 1708 April 10; . . . . Walter Alkins to Samuel Molyneux. Communications (of no moment) for the Philosophical Society.

(*ee.*) 1708 April 11; London. A. Churchill to Samuel Molyneux. Making reference to the printing of "your collection of letters," and other matters of interest to the book-trade.

(*ff.*) 1708 April 20; Trinity College, Dublin. Samuel Molyneux to Walter Alkins. Touching Dr Harris's Lexicon Technicon, and containing observations on the migration of birds and other matters; with long postscript on the ways of finding the time for celebrating Easter.

(*gg.*) 1708 April 20; Trinity College, Dublin. Samuel Molyneux to Mr Rotherick O'Flagherty.

(*hh.*) 1708 April 25; Park, Westward of Gallway, St. Marks. R. O'Flaherty to Samuel Molyneux.

(*ii.*) 1708 May 4; Upminster. The Rev. William Derham to Samuel Molyneux. Having reference to astronomical observations.

(*jj.*) 1708 May 19; Park. R. O'Flaherty to Samuel Molyneux.

(*kk.*) 1708 June 8; . . . . Dr Hans Sloan to Samuel Molyneux. A communication that Dr Wall has demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the Royal Society, "that jet-black amber, gum-lacca or sealing-wax made of it, and diamonds, espetially table ones, when rub'd in the dark after sunsett, ye first 3 or 4 with flannell and the last with silk will emitt a considerable light."

(*ll.*) 1708 July 15; London. A. Churchill to Samuel Molyneux. Announcing that the collection of letters (*i.e.*, John Locke's and William Molyneux's letters) is at length published, and that eight copies of the work have been dispatched to Dublin,—two copies for Dr Molyneux, and the other six copies for the recipient of the letter.

(*mm.*) 1708 August 3: Trinity College, Dublin. Samuel Molyneux to the Rev. William Derham of Upminster. Long letter touching eclipses, atmospherical phenomena, migration of birds, and other matters. "As to the Migration of Birds," the writer observes, "I have not myself made any observations as yet, but I hope next Spring I may from my own or my friends' observations let you know something of the matter. I find among some notes of my Father the following observation to have been made by Coll. Solom. Richards, an inhabitant of Wexford, that it is most certain the Barnacles in the Harbour of Wexford from the 21 of August on which they come to the 21 of May on which they goe every year, are in numbers wonderfull, but on May the 21st they all leave it going northwards by sea and in the opinion of many curious observers they goe to the northern Isles of Scotland to breed, for on the 21st of August following they doe certainly and constantly return, bringing their young ones with them in numbers beyond expression. This relator, as he rode forward and backward between Dublin and Wexford, hath often seen them at sea, coming a day or two before their arrival as also going a day or two after their departure, and for above 20 years hath observed their not failing the time of going and coming, as also of their swimming when the Tide is with them, and flying when against them, and now and then resting on the water."

(*nn.*) 1708 August 15; . . . . Christopher Ussher to Samuel Molyneux. Memoranda for the Philosophical Society.

(*oo.*) ——. R. O'Flaherty to Samuel Molyneux. Entreating that Mr Molyneux will use his influence to procure for the writer's son-in-law (Mr Edward Tyrrill of Gallway, a protestant) the "place of a boatman in Her Majesty's boat in Gallway." No date.

(*pp.*) 1708 August 5; Trinity College, Dublin. Samuel Molyneux to Mr R. O'Flaherty. Reply to the last-described epistle.

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(*qq.*) 1708 August 5; Trinity College, Dublin. Samuel Molyneux to Mr A. Churchill. Respecting the publication of John Locke's letters. "The originalls," says the writer, "will come to my hands if you please to bundle and seal them up, directing for Mr Samuel Madden at Young Men's Coffee House in London who will bring them for Ireland to me."

(*rr.*) 1708 August 5; Trinity College, Dublin. Samuel Molyneux to —— [? Dr Hans Sloane). Touching Dr Wall's experiments for the production of light by friction.

(*ss.*) 1708 August 19; London. A. Churchill to Samuel Molyneux. Respecting the publication of Lock's Letters.

(*tt.*) 1708 August 20; Park. R. O'Flaherty to Samuel Molyneux.

(*uu.*) 1708 August 27; Portadown. Edward Chichester to Samuel Molyneux. Reminding Mr Molyneux of his promise to lend one of his father's books, "relating to the Priviledges of Ireland," to the writer.

(*vv.*) 1708 September 9; Trinity College, Dublin. Samuel Molyneux to ——, who is thanked for civilities offered to the writer's cousin, Dropping.

(*ww.*) 1708 September 10; Trinity College, Dublin. Samuel Molyneux to Sir Patrick Dunn "at his house on the Inns." Making reference to mathematical calculations and instruments.

(*xx.*) 1708 September 27; Park. R. O'Flaherty to Samuel Molyneux. Another letter in behalf of the writer's son-in-law, Mr Edward Tyrill.

(*yy.*) 1708 October 2; Park. The Same to the Same. Touching Mr Edward Tyrill's affairs.

(*zz.*) 1708 October 10; Park. The Same to the Same. "I writt you in relation to the quæries of the Dublin Society, that some time this year a star was seen as near the Compass of the Moon, as was to the wonder of many. . . . But this day a nephew of mine being at his Ant Madame Stafford's house at Karrow Barr in the County of Antrim at the same time saw a Resplendent Starr in the middle of the Moon, much wondered by the people. You read the Shining Star seen at noon in London on May 29th 1630, the Birth-day of King Char. the 2d."

(*aaa.*) 1708 November 30; Upminister. The Rev. William Derham to Samuel Molyneux. A long letter of astronomical observations; with a reference to Mr Molyneux's enquiries respecting "the pictures of the Greenwich Observatory."

(*bbb.*) 1708 December 17; Park. R. O'Flaherty to Samuel Molyneux. Making reference to modes of calculating the right time for the celebration of Easter. "I doe not," the writer observes, "offer this to carry coales to *New Market*,"—a curious slip for an Irish philosopher.

(*ccc.*) 1708 December 25; . . . . . Samuel Molyneux to R. O'Flaherty, who is asked for information respecting the money used by the Irish before the Conquest, if indeed they used any. I shall," says the writer in a postscript, "soon be better acquainted with the Ogygia and your Manuscript, having set about the reading them together this day."

(*ddd.*) 170$\frac{8}{9}$ January 2; Park. R. O'Flaherty to Samuel Molyneux. Long letter in reply to enquiry about the money of the ancient Irish.

(*eee.*) 170$\frac{8}{9}$ January 18; Trinity College, Dublin. Samuel Molyneux to Mr Tooke, book seller near Temple-Bar in Fleet Street, London. Offering notes, if they may be discovered, for the amendment of the

advertised 2nd edition of his father's Treatise of Dioptricks, Mr Molyneux invites the bookseller to communicate with him.

(*fff.*) 170$\frac{8}{9}$ February 8; London. Benjamin Tooke to Samuel Molyneux. Announcing that the advertised second edition of the "Treatise of Dioptricks" is no genuine second edition of the work, but merely an effort to dispose of 200 "remainder copies," by offering them under a new title-page and with the diagrams printed on better paper, the bookseller says, "I had no expectation of making those" (*i.e.*, the 200 copies, wanting the "cuts," *in stock*) "perfect so soon, but the letters which were published some time agoe between Mr Molyneux and Mr Lock having several times mentioned the Book, it occasioned a fresh demand for them, which soon took away the few which I had perfect and printing all the cutts again for' em on much better Paper than the former, and this occasioned my calling it a Second Edition, and printing a new title to it, which has turn'd to so good an account that since the advertisement I have disposed of 25 of them which is more than I did in 2 years before."

(*ggg.*) 170$\frac{8}{9}$ February 17; Park. R. O'Flaherty to Samuel Molyneux.

(*hhh.*) 170$\frac{8}{9}$ March 8; Trinity College, Dublin. Samuel Molyneux to R. O'Flaherty. Touching Irish coins, and certain proposals for the publication of a work, at present in MS., by Mr O'Flaherty.

(*iii.*) 1709 April 2; Trinity College, Dublin. Samuel Molyneux to Rev. William Derham. "I beg the favour of you that you would be pleas'd to send me the Satellit Eclipses for 1709, if you have received them from Mr Flamsteed."

(*jjj.*) 1709 April 11; Killeglaw. Samuel Molyneux to Dr Molyneux. Familiar gossip about the writer's journey into Connaught, the aspect of the country, and matters of domestic interest.

(*kkk.*) 1709 April 12; Upminster. The Rev. William Derham to Samuel Molyneux. Scientific notes and intelligence.

(*lll.*) 1709 April 21; Dublin. Dr T. Molyneux to Samuel Molyneux. In acknowledgment of Samuel Molyneux's account of his Aunt Ussher's health, and his successful journey into Connaught.

(*mmm.*) 1709 August 1; Burton near Charleville. George Berkeley to Dr Molyneux. Containing notes on the Monastery of Buttefont and the Castle of Liscarol,—places recently visited by the writer. Dated from Burton near Charleville.—Also, three other letters (of some value for the personal historian) from George Berkeley to the same correspondent; dated respectively 26 November 1709, 8 December 1709, and 19 December 1709, from Trinity College, Dublin.

(6.) Copy in Book-form of the Testament (dated 18 August 1819), with Codicil, proved on 1 June 1721, of Dorothy Lady Capell, Baroness-dowager of Tewksbury, widow of Henry Lord Capell, Baron of Tewksbury: Containing bequests In Trust to the Honble Samuell Molyneux esq., Principall Secretary to his Royall Highness George, Prince of Wales, Sir Philip Jackson knt., John Lely esq. and Christopher Appleby gentleman, and bequests to the Right Honourable the Lady Elizabeth Molyneux, wife of the said Samuell Molyneux esq. and eldest daughter of the Rt. Hon. Algernon Earl of Essex deceased; With appointment of the aforesaid Samuell Molyneux to be one of the executors.

How these seven volumes came into the hands of the Corporation of Southampton is unknown; but it is reasonable hypothesis that they were

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left with the muniments of the borough by some Town Clerk, who acted as Attorney for Mr Samuel Molyneux or some other member of the Molyneux family.

(*b.*) Charters and Letters Patent.

(1.) 26 June, 1 John. Charter of King John to his Burgesses of Suhampton.—John &c. &c. Salutem. Volumus et firmiter precipimus et hac presenti carta confirmamus quod Burgenses nostri de Suhampton sint quieti de Theloneo et passagio et pontagio, Tam in terris quam in Aquis, Tam in feiris quam in Mercatis et de omni seculari consuetudine per omnes terras nostras, Citra mare et ultra, Et per omnem potestatem nostram, Et prohibemus ne quis eos super hoc disturbet, Aut injuriam vel molestiam aut gravamen faciat, super forisfacturam nostram in hiis que ad nostram pertinent potestatem. Hiis Testibus &c. &c. Datum per manum H. Cant. Archiepiscopi cancellarii nostri apud r[upem] Andel [iaci] &c. . . . .

(2.) 3 May, 11 Henry III. Charter of Henry Third's Grant of the farm of the town of Suhampton with the port of Portesmues to the Burgesses of Suhampton.—Henricus &c. &c. Salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse et presenti carta nostra confirmasse Burgensibus nostris de Suhampton villam de Suhampton ad firmam imperpetuum cum portu de Portesmues cum omnibus pertinenciis, libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus suis et aliis omnibus que ad firmam predicte Ville de Suhamton pertinebant tempore Henrici avi nostri, Tenendam de nobis et heredibus nostris imperpetuum ad firmam, Reddendo inde annuatim ad festum Sancti Michaelis ad scaccarium nostrum Ducentas Libras sterlingorum, Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus quod predicti Burgenses habeant et teneant predictam villam cum predicto portu de Portesmues cum omnibus pertinenciis et libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad illam firmam pertinentibus sicut predictum est, Sicut carta domini Johannis Regis patris nostri quam inde habent racionabiliter testatur. Hiis Testibus &c. &c. Datum per manum Venerabilis patris Radulphi Cycestrie Episcopi Cancellarii nostri apud Mortelak &c."

(3.) 15 June, 23 Henry III. Charter of Henry the Third in confirmation of an agreement between the Men of Merleberg and the Men of Suhampton.—Henricus &c. &c. Salutem, Sciatis quod cum contencio mota fuisset in Curia nostra coram nobis inter probos homines nostros de Merleberg querentes et probos homines nostros Suhampton' deforciantes de tellonio quod predicti homines Suhampton' capiebant de hominibus nostris de Merleberg contra libertates suas quas habent per cartam domini Johannis Regis patris nostri et per cartam nostram ut asserebant, tandem de licencia nostra taliter inter eos convenit quod omnes homines de Merleberg qui sunt in Gilda mercand'a de Merleberg et hoc affidare voluerint, quieti sint imperpetuum de omni consuetudine et omnimodo tellonio in villa Suhampton' et in omnibus pertinenciis suis de quibus homines Suhampton infra libertatem suam dictos homines de Merleberg acquietare possint, non obstante eo quod Carta nostrorum hominum Suhampton prior est cartis predictorum hominum de Merleberg, Et similiter homines de Suhampton quieti sint de omni consuetudine et tellonio in villa de Merleberg. Nos igitur volentes quod predicta convencio firma sit et stabilis imperpetuum, ipsam pro nobis concedimus et confirmamus. Hiis Testibus &c. &c. Datum per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium &c.

(4.) 14 May, 36 Henry III. Writ of Precept and Injunction from Henry the Third to the Barons of the Cinque Ports, for the

observance of the liberties and rights of the men of Suhampton and Portesmuth in their port of Portesmuth.—Henricus &c. &c. Baronibus suis Quinque Portuum salutem, Ex querela proborum hominum nostrorum de Suhampton et de Portesmuth intelleximus quod eis estis graves et molesti vi capiendo karkas in navibus vestris de hominibus volentibus transfretare in portu suo de Portesmuth quem de nobis tenent ad firmam et faciendo atachiamenta sine licencia ballivorum eiusdem Portus et alias injurias eis inferendo contra libertates et consuetudines eorum usitatas et approbatas, Et ideo de vobis mandamus firmiter injungentes quod decetero nullam karkam in predicto portu suo capiatis aut atachiamenta faciatis, nullam eis injuriam inferentes contra libertates et consuetudines suas eis a nobis concessas super forisfacturam nostram, set permittatis emptores vinorum nostrorum venientes ex parte nostra una cum ballivis nostris de Suhampton et Portesmuth vina mercatorum in navibus vestris contenta in predicto Portu ad opus nostrum emere, Sicut quod si secus egeritis dissimulare non poterimus quin ad vos et bona vestra nos graviter capiamus. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium &c.

(5.) 14 July, 40 Henry III. Charter of Henry the Third, granting freedom from arrest of their persons and goods to the Burgesses of Suhampton for debts of which "fidejussores aut principales debitores non extiterint."—Henricus &c. &c. salutem, Sciatis nos concessisse et hac carta nostra confirmasse pro nobis et heredibus nostris Burgensibus nostris de Suhampton quod ipsi et heredes imperpetuum per totam terram et potestatem nostram habeant hanc libertatem, videlicet quod ipsi vel eorum bona quocunque locorum in potestate nostra inventa non arestentur pro aliquo debito de quo fidejussores aut principales debitores non extiterint, Nisi forte ipsi debitores de eorum sint communa et potestate habentes unde de debitis suis in toto vel in parte satisfacere possint, et dicti Burgenses creditoribus eorundem debitorum in justicia defuerint et de hoc racionabiliter constare possit. Quare &c. &c. Hiis testibus &c. &c. Datum per manum nostram apud Bristoll &c.

(6.) 4 April, 14 Edward III. Letters Patent of the Exemplification of the Charter of Inspeximus and Confirmation, dated at Westminster, by Edward the Third in the 1st year of his reign to the Burgesses of Suthampton. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium &c.

(7.) 10 February, 39 Edward III. Letters Patent of Exemplification of the Letters Patent, dated by Edward the Third on 28th June in the 29th year of his reign to the Burgesses of Suthampton, containing these words, "Nos considerantes villam predictam et partes adjacentes per clausuram dicte ville si perficiatur contra dicta pericula imminencia posse multipliciter assecurari, ac volentes securitati dicte ville et partium adjacencium providere prout decet concessimus eisdem Burgensibus in auxilium clausure ville predicte quod a die confeccionis presencium usque ad finem decem annorum proxime sequentium plenarie completorum capiant et colligant per manus illorum quos ad hoc deputare et pro quibus respondere voluerint de quibuscunque bonis et mercimoniis infra libertatem dicte ville adductis seu ab eadem eductis tam per terram quam per aquam tam videlicet ipsorum Burgensium quam aliorum quorumcunque unum denarium de libra et de decem solidis unum obolum et de quinque solidis unum quadrantem. Ita quod denarii inde provenientes . . . . . circa clausuram ville predicte ponantur." Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium &c.

(8.) 9 November, 5 Richard II. Letters Patent of a grant to John Slegh and his heirs for ever (in enlargement of a previous grant to the same John Slegh for life) of a tenement and certain pieces of vacant

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ground in the town of Suthampton; the said tenement and pieces of vacant ground having come by way of escheat into the King's hand, on the death of Richard Elmesle de Elmesle co. Worcester, who was a bastard and died "sine herede de se." Testo meipso apud Westmonasterium &c.

(9.) 5 November, 7 Richard II. Letters Patent of Inspeximus and Confirmation of Letters Patent of Inspeximus and Confirmation, dated on the 4th of April in the 14th year of his reign by Edward the Third to the Burgesses of the town of Suthampton. Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium &c.

(10.) 24 January, 9 Henry IV. Letters Patent of the Exemplification of the enrolment in the Exchequer of a certain writ directed by Richard the Second on the 12th of April in the 14th year of his reign to the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer, and of the certificate returned into Chancery by the same Treasurer and Barons in obedience to the same writ, which required them to certify "que et cujusmodi antique custume solute fuerunt pro qualibet lasta allecie picis butiminis" (? bituminis) "et cinerum et pro bordis vocatis Esterichebordis unacum nominibus mercatorum dictas mercandisas in regnum Anglie adducencium tempore domini Edwardi filii Regis Henrici quondam Regis Anglie progenitoris nostri et deinceps temporibus aliorum progenitorum nostrorum in portubus Suthampton Sandewyci et Wynchelse et qui et cujusmodi homines de hujusmodi custumis temporibus predictis quieti esse solebant."

(11.) 12 February, 2 Henry V. Letters Patent of a Grant of Licence to the Mayor and Burgesses of the town of Suthampton to purchase lands tenements and rents within the precinct of the said town, and to have and hold the same to them and their successors "in auxilium supportacionis onerum ville predicte incumbencium." Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium &c."

(12.) 13 February, 2 Henry V. Letters Patent of the Exemplification of the enrolment on the roll of the last parliament of the Petition (French) exhibited to the said King in the same parliament, for the diminution of the burdens put upon the burgesses of the town of Suthampton, and also of the enrolment of the King's Answer (French) to the said Petition; the Exemplification being in effect the Letters Patent of a Grant, remitting to the town for ten years 140 marks of the fee-farm of the town, with license to the Mayor and burgesses of the town to acquire and hold lands, &c. for ever, to the yearly value of 100*l.* Running in the following terms the petition gives a doleful picture of the town's impoverishment and distress:—"Au Roy notre tres souverain Seigneur, Item supplient humblement vos ditz Comunes que come lez Mair e Burgeises de votre ville de Suthampton teignent de vous tres gracious Seigneur la dite ville a fee ferme, Rendant ent annuelement a vous e a vos heirs cc livres ensemblement ovesque xl marcz as deux priours aliens en almoigne ordeignez par vos tresnobles progenitours et auxi ils ount autres tresgraundz charges et expenses nomement en quinzismes costages des parlementz taillages murages fossages gaites factz pour la sauf garde reparacion fortificacion et supportacion de mesme la ville de jour en autre, as quelles tresgraundes charges ensi aporters ils nount nulle manere rent profit ne secour sinon tantsoulement les petitz tolunz des marchaundises illeoqes renduz du quelle fee ferme la tresnoble dame Johanne la Roigne Dengleterre est a present endowe et la quelle fee ferme soleit et devoit estre leve des ditz tolunz des marchaundises venauntz et autres petitz perquisitz provenauntz deinz la dite ville et ore tarde

pour iij ans passez les marchauntz aliens qe soleient repairer ove lour marchaundises a votre dite ville ount estez et vngore sont sustretz parount les ditz Burgeises ount estez graundement taxes et issuit par plusiours foitz ount appromptes dautres gentz et paiez de lour propres biens au dite ferme cccc. li. pluis quils ne purroient ent lever ou coiller pur quelles costages taillages et tresgraundz charges feitz graunt partie dez Burgeises et enhabitantz sont departiz hors de dite ville et autre graund partie de eux a present est en purpos a departier de dite ville dein brief temps en desolacion dicelle ville qe dieu defend si vous tresgracious Seigneur ne pluis mettez votre tresgracious socour et eyde damender cest graund mischief en celle partie, Par quoy plese a votre hauteste de votre grace especiale sicome vous estez soveraign fountaigne de secour a toutz embosoignauntz dordaigner solone votre treshaut discrecion par avis de votre tres-sage conseill socourable et gracious remedie en reconciliacion et comfort dez ditz Burgeises et enhabitauntz et supportacion de votre dicte ville &c." Part of the reply to this prayer runs in these terms, "Le Roy . . . . voet et graunte del assent des Sieurs espirituelx et temporelx et des Comunes esteantz en cest parlement qe a la tresreverente Dame Johanne Roigne Dengleterre qe ad ensi a luy assignee en partie de sa dower la fee ferme du dicte ville qe amounte par an a cc. li. soit fait tiele requeste qele face mitigacion et reles a les Mair et Burgeys de la dicte ville et a lour successours de cxl. marcz chescun an durantz x ans proscheins avenir, Issint qils soient de mesmes les cxl. marcz par an mesme le terme durant quitez et deschargez envers mesme la Roigne et envers autres qeconqes en relevacion et mainteignance de mesme la ville, Et sil aveigne qe la dicte tresreverente dame ne porra a ces consentir qadonqes le Roy del assent des Seigneurs et Comunes avaunt diz prendra maintenant toute la suisdicte fee ferme en sa main demesne pur toutdys pur les causes et perils avauntditz, Fesant a la dicte dame la Royne recompense celle partie et auxi fesant as Mair et Burgeys de la dicte ville pur le temps esteantz allowance et acquietance annuelment de les cxl. marcz suisditz pur le terme de x. ans avauntditz."—Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium &c.

(13.) 10 April, 3 Henry V. Letters Patent of Exemplification of enrolments on the Rolls of the Exchequer touching the accounts of the town of Suthampton from 7 Henry II. to 1 Henry IV.

(14.) 19 April, 1 Henry VI. Letters Patent of Exemplification of the Charter (dated by Henry the Fifth at Suthampton on the 1st of August in the 3rd year of his reign) of Inspeximus and Confirmation of the Charter of Powers, Franchises and Privileges, dated at Westminster by Henry the Fourth, on the 4th of January in the 14th year of his reign, in favour of his Consort, Queen Joan (of Navarre).

(15.) 24 October, 4 Henry VI. Letters Patent of Inspeximus and Confirmation of Charters of divers concessions dated by previous sovereigns to the Burgesses of Suthampton, the three earliest of the said charters being the three charters, dated respectively by Henry II. at Winchester, Richard I. at Warwick on 28th September in the first year of his reign, and John at Auriual on 29 June in his first year; the said Charter of Henry II. granting that his men of Hampton may have and hold their Guild and all their liberties and customs both by land and sea, freely, peacefully, and honourably, even as they held them freely, &c., in the time of his grandfather, King Henry: the charter of Richard I. running in these words:—"Ricardus dei gracia &c. &c. salutem, Volumus et firmiter precipimus et hac presenti carta confirmavimus quod Burgenses nostri de Sudhanton sint quieti de thelonio et passagio et pontagio tam in

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terris quam in aquis tam in feriis quam in mercatis et de omni seculari consuetudine et per omnes terras nostras citra mare et ultra et per omnem potestatem nostram, Et prohibemus ne quis eos super hoc disturbet aut injuriam vel molestiam aut gravamen faciat super forisfacturam nostram in hiis que ad nostram pertinent potestatem, Testibus &c. &c.—Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium, xxviij. die Septembris anno primo regni nostri": and the Inspeximus of charter, dated by King John to the Burgesses of Suthampton on the third day after the date of the Charter by the same king already described in this catalogue, running thus :—" Inspeximus eciam cartam quam bone memorie dominus Johannes quondam Rex Anglie proavus noster fecit prefatis Burgensibus de Suthampton in hec verba,—Johannes dei gracia &c. &c., salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse et presenti carta confirmasse Burgensibus nostris de Suthampton villam de Suthampton ad firmam imperpetuum cum portu de Portesmues cum omnibus pertinenciis libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus suis et aliis omnibus que ad firmam dicte ville de Suthampton pertinebant tempore Henrici Regis patris nostri tenend' de nobis et nostris heredibus imperpetuum ad firmam, Reddendo inde annuatim ad festum Sancti Michaelis ad Scaccarium nostrum ducentas libras sterlingorum, Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus quod predicti Burgenses habeant et teneant predictam villam cum predicto portu de Portesmues cum omnibus pertinenciis et libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad illam firmam pertinentibus sicut predictum est. Testibus &c. &c. Datum &c. &c. apud Auriuall' xxix. die Junii regni nostri anno primo."—Also, a duplicate of the same Letters Patent of Inspeximus and Confirmation.

(16.) 8 January, 11 Henry VI. Precept directed by the King to the Sheriff of the Town of Suthampton, for the due Proclamation within his Bailiwick of certain Statutes made in the last parliament at Westminster, for the ordering of Weights and Measures, Labourers, and Artificers, and for the punishment of players of unlawful games.—Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium &c.

(17). 19 July, 11 Henry VI. Letters Patent of the licence to the Mayor and community of Southampton and to William Gefferey Heremite to hold Trinity Fair at and about Trinity Chapel near the said town.—Henricus &c. &c. salutem. Sciatis nos propter devocionem quam gerimus ad Sanctam et gloriosam virginem dei matrem ac propter amorem quem habemus et a diu habuimus ad villam nostram de Southampton considerantes quod ex confluencia subditorum nostrorum et aliorum extraneorum dicta Villa in bonis magis ac magis indies prosperari et relevari poterit, Et ut Major in futurum populi confluencia ibidem fieri valeat ex gracia nostra speciali ac ex mero motu nostro concessisse dilectis nobis in Christo Maiori Aldermannis Vicecomitibus Ballivis Burgensibus et Communitati dicte Ville Southampton ac eorum Successoribus, necnon Willelmo Gefferey Heremite Capelle Sancte Trinitatis et Beate Marie predicte Nundinas sive feriam apud et circa Capellam Sancte et individue Trinitatis predicte juxta dictam Villam Southampton, annuatim tenend[am] in festo Sancte Trinitatis suprascripte et per tres dies immediate post festum illud sequentes in qua quidem Capella dicta gloriosa virgo a Christi fidelibus sepe numero honeratur (*sic*), Habendum et tendendum dictas Nundinas sive feriam cum liberis ingressu et egressu subditis nostris de et ad Nundinas sive feriam predictam mercandum venientibus prefatis Maiori Aldermannis Vicecomitibus Ballivis Burgensibus et Communitati ville antedicte et eorum successoribus ville ipsius necnon Willelmo Gefferey Heremite in dicto festo et tribus diebus ut premittitur tenend'

quamdiu nobis placuerit absque aliquo computo inde reddendo. In cujus rei &c. &c. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium &c.

(18.) 10 June, 15 Henry VI. Letters Patent of a General Pardon (with certain peculiar and special clauses) to William Nicolle of Suthampton, merchant.—Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium &c.

(19.) 29 July, 23 Henry VI. Letters Patent of Concessions to the Mayor, Bailiffs and Burgesses of Suthampton, made in consideration of the burdens and impoverishment of the town, and in consideration of the divers serious reasons why measures should be taken for relieving its distress and ensuring prosperity to the same town: Comprising with other matters the following concessions:—(1.) That the town shall be a perpetual corporation consisting of a mayor, two bailiffs, and the burgesses; (2) That the mayor, bailiffs and burgesses of the said town shall be known for ever by the name of the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of Southampton; (3) That the same Mayor bailiffs and burgesses and their successors shall be persons empowered to sue and defend themselves in all pleas, &c. of every kind in the courts of the king and his successors; (4) That the said Mayor bailiffs and their successors be persons "habiles et capaces in lege ad perquirend' terras tenementa redditus servicia et possessiones infra villam suburb' et precinctum predicta et alibi habendum et tenendum sibi et successoribus suis imperpetuum statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis aut aliqua alia ordinacione vel statuto ante hec tempora edito non obstante"; (5) That the said Mayor bailiffs and burgesses within the same town on Friday next before the feast of St. Matthew the Apostle shall have power to elect, for the good government of the same town, a mayor and two bailiffs to hold office during the ensuing year, and in case of the death or deposition of the mayor or one or both of the bailiffs during his or their year or years of office to elect from themselves a person or persons to fill the place or places for the remainder of the year of the person or persons, so removed by death or deposed; (6) That the Mayor for the time being of the said town shall henceforth be the Escheator of the King and his successors within the town and its liberties during his year of office, with all the powers pertaining to the office of an Escheator; (7) That the Mayor of the said town and his successors for ever shall henceforth within the said town its suburbs and liberties be the Clerk of the Market of the Household of the king and his successors, with all the powers pertaining to a Clerk of the Market for the King's household; (8) That henceforth no merchant being a foreigner of Suthampton shall have power within the said town to buy of or sell to any merchant, being also a merchant not free of the said town, any merchandises whatsoever; (9) That the said town shall be henceforth and for ever "una stapula tam ad recogniciones debitorum in eadem stapula juxta formam Statuti Stapule in eadem stapula accipiendas, quam ad omnia alia ad hujusmodi stapulam pertinencia ibidem facienda et exercenda," and that on Friday before the feast of St. Matthew the Apostle in each year, the said Burgesses and their successors for ever shall have power to elect from amongst themselves a person to be Mayor, and two persons to be Constables of the said staple for the ensuing year; (10) That on Friday next before the feast of St. Matthew the Apostle the said Mayor bailiffs and burgesses and their successors for ever shall have power in each year to elect for official service during the ensuing year "tam omnimodos brocatores mercandisarum bigarum et batellorum quam omnimodos portatores paccatores et cariatores omnimodarum marcandisarum ad villam et portus predict' applicancium; and (11) That

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henceforth the said Mayor bailiffs and burgesses and their successors for ever shall have all the goods and chattels of all persons inhabiting within their said town, being outlaws or attainted persons.—Datum per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium &c.

(20.) 20 June, 24 Henry VI. Letters Patent of a General Pardon to Richard Thomas of Suthampton co. Suthampton, merchant, and to his wife Juliana, formerly the wife of William Nicoll late Mayor of the said town of Suthampton (executors of the will of the said William Nicoll).—Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium &c.

(21.) 9 March, 25 Henry VI. Letters Patent of Concessions to the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of the town of Suthampton: Granting, with other matters, (1) That the said town, together with the port and precinct of the same and the port of Portesmouth, which are now called the town of Suthampton and precinct thereof, "sint unus integer Comitatus corporatus in re ac nomine ac distinctus et separatus a comitatu Suthampton imperpetuum" and be henceforth styled "The County of the Town of Suthampton;" (2) That the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses shall be empowered to yearly elect, in accordance with the directions contained in the letters, from amongst themselves a fit and suitable burgess, to hold office for the year as sheriff of the said town, with all the powers pertaining to the office of a sheriff within the said county of the said town; (3) and That "nullus Senescallus Marescallus nec clericus mercati hospicii nostri nec aliquis Admirallus neque aliquis Eschaetor nec aliquis alius seu aliqui alii quicunque Officiarii nostri &c. &c. &c. ingrediatur seu ingrediantur predictam Villam Suthampton nec portum ejusdem neque portum de Portesmouth nec precinctum eorundem. . . . . neque per terram neque per aquam ad aliquam sessionem sive inquisicionem ibidem faciendam nec ad aliqua officia sua seu officium alicujus eorundem concernencia ibidem facienda, exercenda sive exequenda."—Datum per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium &c.

(22.) 12 September, 30 Henry VI.—Letters Patent of Concessions to the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of the town of Suthampton, differing in no important particular from the concessions heretofore made to them in the same reign.—Datum per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium &c.

(23.) 16 December, 1 Edward IV.—Charter of Inspeximus and Confirmation of charters of concessions made by previous sovereigns to the Burgesses of Suthampton, beginning with Letters Patent of Inspeximus and Confirmation dated by Richard the Second, confirming (together with other charters) the charter of Henry the Second running in these words, "Precipio quod homines mei de Hampton habeant et teneant gildam suam et omnes libertates et consuetudines suas in terra et in mari ita bene et in pace et juste et libere et quiete et honorifice sicut habuerunt melius et liberius et quietius tempore Regis Henrici avi mei et nullus eis super hoc ullam injuriam vel contumeliam faciat. Testibus Ricardo de Humet constabulario, Joc' de Bailiolo. Apud Winton': With further concessions, whereby (with other things) it is granted, That the Mayor Bailiffs and burgesses of Suthampton henceforth and for ever shall have cognizance of all pleas whatsoever within the said town and the liberty and precinct thereof arising in the king's courts ("in quibuscunque curiis nostris, videlicet &c. &c."), and in reiteration of certain of the concessions of Henry VI., That the same Mayor bailiffs and burgesses shall also have henceforth and for ever "assisam assaiam emendacionem et correccionem panis vini cervisie et omnimodorum aliorum victualium ac mensurarum ponderum et aliorum

quorumcunque ad officium Clerici Mercati Hospicii nostri et heredum nostrorum pertinencium sive spectantium infra Villam libertatem et precinctum, &c. &c. &c. Ita quod nullus Clericus Mercati hospicii nostri vel heredum nostrorum nec Admirallus noster vel heredum nostrorum vel ejus locum tenens Commissarii Officiarii vel deputati nec Senescallus sive Marescallus hospicii nostri seu heredum nostrorum seu eorum servientes nec eorum aliquis villam libertatem et precinctum predictum per terram seu per aquam exnunc ad aliquod ad hujusmodi officium suum seu eorum alicujus ibidem pertinet seu pertinere poterit faciendum exercendum seu exequendum ingrediatur quovis modo."—Datum per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium &c.

(24.) 8 March, 2 Edward IV.—Letters Patent of a General Pardon (with special provisions) to John Donne, Mayor, sheriff, bailiff and escheator of the town of Suthampton. — Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium &c.

(25.) 14 May, 6 Edward IV.—Letters Patent of the Exemplification of the Record, amongst the Records of the Court of Exchequer, of the proceedings in the said court for the recovery to the Mayor and Burgesses of Suthampton of the goods and chattels formerly pertaining to a certain outlaw, namely, John Estfeld of Suthampton merchant, from Walter Fetiplace, a former Mayor of the said town.

(26.) 12 June, 8 Edward IV.—Letters Patent of Inspeximus and Confirmation of the Letters Patent, dated by Henry the Sixth at Westminster on the 29th of July in the 23rd year of his reign, to the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of Suthampton.—Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium &c.

(27.) 5 June, 12 Edward IV.—Letters Patent of a General Pardon to John Burbrigge *alias* John Purbryk, Gabriel Hawles, and Antony Clement "nuper collectoribus prime quinte-decime et decime duarum quintarum-decimarum et decimarum . . . . in villa Southampton," and to Walter Fetplace and Alice formerly the wife of John James, "executoribus testamenti predicti Johannis James unius collectorum prime quinte-decime et decime predictarum."—Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium &c.

(28.) 1 July, 17 Edward IV. Letters Patent of Licence to the Mayor sheriff bailiffs and burgesses of the town of Suthampton to export twenty sacks of wool, free of customs.—Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium &c.

(29.) 20 August, 20 Edward IV. Charter of the Grant to the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of Suthampton for ever of all fines "pro licencia concordandi," amercements, forfeitures, goods and chattels of outlaws and felons, &c., &c., to be levied or gathered within the said town. The charter being dated in confirmation of a previous grant of the same fines and amercements, &c., &c. made to the same grantees by Letters Patent dated by the same king on the 16th day of December in the first year of his reign, in terms of insufficient precision, clearness, and efficacy.—Per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium &c.

(30.) 1 June, 1 Richard III. Letters Patent of a General Pardon to John Walker, Mayor of the town of Suthampton, and Sheriff and Bailiff of the same town.—Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium &c.

(31.) 14 July, 2 Richard III.—Letters Patent of a General Pardon to Vincent Tehy of the town of Suthampton merchant, *alias* Vincent Tehy late Sheriff of the said town, *alias* Vincent Tehy "nuper uni collectorum de prima quintadecima et decima duarum quintarum decimarum domini

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Edwardi quarti nuper Regis Anglie," *alias* Vincent Tehy "nuper de Kynges Clere in comitatu Suthampton chapman."—Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium &c.

(32.) 10 December, 2 Richard III. Letters Patent of Inspeximus and Confirmation of the Charter of Inspeximus and Confirmation, with further concessions, dated by Edward the Fourth to the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of Southampton on the 16th day of December of the 1st year of his reign: With Inspeximus and Confirmation of the Charter dated by the same King Edward the Fourth on the 20th day of August in the 20th year of his reign to the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of the same town.—Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium &c.

(33.) 7 October, 2 Henry VII. Letters Patent of Exemplification of the particulars of the account of John Frost and Nicholas Sampson, collectors of the customs of the port of Suthampton, from Michaelmas 15 Edward IV. to Michaelmas of the following year.

(34.) 12 November, 23 Henry VII. Letters Patent of Exemplification of the Record at Westminster of the proceedings before the Justices "de Banco" in Hilary Term of 22 Henry VII., when John Rogers and others of Lemyngton were summoned to answer the Mayor bailiffs and community of the town of Suthampton, in respect to Petty Customs.

(35.) 2 October, 2 Henry VIII. Letters Patent of Inspeximus and Confirmation of the Letters Patent of Inspeximus and Confirmation, of Charters and Letters Patent of concessions made to the Burgesses of Suthampton by previous sovereigns, dated by Henry the Seventh to the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of the said town on the 8th day of November in the 4th year of his reign.—Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium &c.

(36.) 7 February, 2 Henry VIII. Letters Patent of Licence to the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of the town of Suthampton, to export one hundred sacks of wool, free of customs.—Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium &c.

(37.) 7 February, 6 Henry VIII. Letters Patent of Inspeximus and Confirmation, of the Letters Patent dated by Edward the Fourth on the 12th day of June in the 8th year of his reign, of Inspeximus and Confirmation of the Charter of Concessions, described in a previous entry of this catalogue, dated by Henry the Sixth to the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of the town of Suthampton, on the 29th day of July in the 23rd of his reign.—Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium &c.

(38.) 14 July, 14 Henry VIII. Letters Patent of a Commission of Array, addressed to the Mayor and Justices of the town of Southampton, and to William Sandys and Arthur Plantagenet knts., and to Richard Lister, William Pawlet and James Bettys, and to the Sheriff of the said town. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium &c.

(39.) 21 April, 7 Edward VI.—Letters Patent of the Commission, addressed to the Mayor of Southampton, Francis Flemyng, knt., Thomas Pacye, Thomas Mylle, Robert Reyneger, and Thomas Godard, to take order for and deal with church goods belonging to "any churche chapelle guilde brotherhed fraternytie or companye within the town of Southampton." Witnes ourselfe, at Windesore, &c.

(40.) 27 April, 7 Edward VI. Letters Patent of Inspeximus and Exemplification of a record entered in the records of the Exchequer in the Michaelmas Term of the 6th year of Edward the Sixth,—*Certifying* amongst other things that the said King, by his Letters Patent (dated on the 6th of April in the 6th year of his reign, and set forth at large in

the present record) of Inspeximus and Confirmation of Charters and Letters Patent dated by previous sovereigns (concluding with the Charter dated by Henry the Eighth, of the Inspeximus and Confirmation of the Charter of Inspeximus and Confirmation dated by Henry the Seventh), together with other Concessions, granted that the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of Southampton should have the said town to themselves and their successors at the antient yearly rent of 200*l.* to be paid yearly at the Feast of St. Michael "cum parva custuma aliquo anno ibidem ad summam ducentarum librarum attinget aut cum alique naves vocate Careckes de Jene aut cum alique naves vocate Galeys de Venece ad portum ville predicte cum mercandisis suis quoquo anno venient ibidemque discarcabunt et eskippabunt seu recarcabunt," and at a yearly rent of 50*l.* only and no more "cum parva custuma in villa predicta ad dictam summam ducentarum librarum non attinget, et dicte naves vocate Careckes de Jene et dicte naves vocate Galeys de Venece ad portum predictum non venient;" and *Certifying* that the sum of the petty customs accruing from the said port of Southampton from Michaelmas 5 Edward VI. to Michaelmas 6 Edward VI. amounted only to 53*l.* 17*s.* 2*d.* which sum had been paid into the Exchequer, and that within the same town, from Michaelmas 5 Edward VI. to Michaelmas 6 Edward VI. "nulle naves Jane vocate Carreckes of Jeane aut naves de Venecia vocate le Galeys of Venece, se disoneraverunt de ullis mercimoniis in portu Suthampton nec quod ulle naves ut antea dictum est se oneraverunt aut reportaverunt ullas merces transportandas a predicto portu Suthampton;" and further *Certifying* that, in accordance with the prayer of the Mayor, bailiffs and burgesses of the said town, and after reference to Edward Gryffyn esq. the king's Attorney General, and with his consent, the Barons of the Exchequer decreed that the said Mayor bailiffs and burgesses and their successors and all future sheriffs of the said town were exonerated from the payment of the 150*l.*, parcel of the 200*l.* of the fee-farm of the said town for the said year, in respect to which they prayed for an acquittance, and should moreover for the future be exonerated from the payment of the like sum of 150*l.*, parcel of the said fee, in any such future year, in which the petty customs of their port should not amount to 200*l.*, and in which no ships called Carreckes de Jeane and no ships called Galeys de Venece should come to the said port to discharge cargo or take cargo on board.—Teste predilecto consanguineo et Consiliario nostro Willelmo Marchione Wintonie Thesaurario nostro Anglie apud Westmonasterium, &c.

(41.) 9 August, 1 and 2 Philip and Mary. Letters Patent of the grant to the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of Southampton and their successors "quod omnia vina malvatica anglice dicta Malveseis que a festo Michaelis proxime sequente a partibus transmarinis in hoc regnum nostrum Anglie transportata fuerint in nulla parte regni nostri Anglie ad terram deponentur nisi apud Villam et Portum predict'; . . . . proviso tamen quod si que navis vel vas dictis vinis onust' naufragium fecerit Gubernator navis vel vasis quocunque loco voluerit . . . . possit aliquo premissorum non obstante." With further Grant to the same Mayor bailiffs and burgesses and their successors "quod a dicto festo Sancti Michaelis omnes lane que portabuntur extra hoc regnum versus partes de levent predictas prius ad Villam et Portum de Southampton predict' quam mare trancientur (*sic* in the present Letters, but spelt otherwise, viz., "traicierentur" in the recital of the same document in Letters Patent of 4 and 5 Philip and Mary, described in the next entry of this catalogue), neque in alio portu sive loco infra hoc regnum nostrum Anglie imponantur navi sive vase

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versus predictas partes de levent transportand, quam in dicto Portu nostro Suthampton . . . . . sub pena solvendi nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris triplicem custumam pro eisdem lanis."—Testibus nobis ipsis apud Castrum nostrum Wyndesore, &c.

(42.) 18 June, 4 and 5 Philip and Mary. Letters Patent *reciting* the words of the previous Letters Patent to the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of Southampton, touching Malvoisie *alias* Malmsey wines imported from parts beyond sea into the kingdom of England and wools exported therefrom to the parts of the Levant, dated at Windsor on 9 August of the year 1 and 2 of the said King and Queen, and *renewing* the concessions of those letters. With further grant of power to the same mayor bailiffs and burgesses, to search for wines, as well in the port of London as in other ports, imported into England in disregard of the said grants; and with further provisions touching penalties for infringing the rights accorded by the aforesaid Letters Patent. By the clause setting forth the new power of searching for wines imported in disobedience of the Letters Patent, it is granted to the said Mayor bailiffs and burgesses "quod bene licebit eis et successoribus et assignatis suis vel eorum deputato sive deputatis de tempore in tempus omnia et omnimoda vina que per aliquam navem vel vasem (*sic*) sive aliquas naves vel vasas (*sic*) sive in aliqua nave vel vasa (*sic*) vel aliquibus navibus vel vasis imposterum ab aliqua parte Insule de Candie in partibus de levent et de cressencia ejusdem insule ad portum nostrum London sive ad aliquos alios portus nostros infra hoc regnum nostrum Anglie transportabuntur ad terram deponenda et vendicioni exponenda modis quibuscunque gustare et assaiare tam infra huiusmodi naves vel vasas sic onustas quam super terram cum extra dictas naves vel vasas deponantur ea intencione ut vera noticia generum omnium et singulorum vinorum sic in huiusmodi navibus vel vasis onustis habeantur (*sic*) pro vera solucione custume et penalitatis eorundem." In the statement of the considerations moving their Majesties to make these concessions to the burgesses reference is made in the following words to Philip's first arrival in this country:—"Ac eciam in consideracione perpetue memorie quod nos prefatus Rex in primo adventu nostro infra hoc regnum Anglie applicavimus ad predictam villam Southampton.—Testibus nobis ipsis apud Westmonasterium &c.

(43.) 12 March, 1 Elizabeth.—Letters Patent of Inspeximus and Confirmation of the Letters Patent, dated by Philip and Mary in the 4th and 5th year of their reigns, of the Sweet Wines (Malveseis) and Wools Grant to the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of Southampton.—Teste me ips' apud Westmonasterium &c.

(44.) 28 June, 5 Elizabeth.—Letters Patent of Exemplification of Inspeximus of a certain Writ de cerciorando directed to Francis Spelman esq. Clerk of Her Majesty's Parliaments, and dated on 23 June in the aforesaid 5th year of Her Majesty's reign with Inspeximus of the tenor of certain Act of Parliament, returned into Chancery in accordance with the aforesaid writ, and running in the following words:—"In parliamento apud Westmonasterium tento xii. die Januarii anno &c. domine nostre Elizabethe dei gracia, &c. &c. fuit sequens peticio, videlicet, 'For the vnladyng of Malmesyes and other Swete Wynes at the Towne of Southampton.' In most humble wise sheweth your most Excellent Majesty the Mayor Bayliffes and Burgeses of your graces Towne and Porte of Southampton, That Wheare the said towne ys[an aunchyent borough and towne scituate upon the sea syde over against the coaste of Normandy and unto Whiche towne alle merchaunt straungers of long tyme weare accustomed to make their common accesse and repayre with alle their shippes and

other vessels laden with malmeseys and other Swete Wynes of the groweth of Candye and Rotymoes and in any other place withyn the partyes of levant beyond the streightes of Marroeke, whiche hathe ben transported or broughte by them into this realme, and have diseharged and unladen the said Wynes at the said towne and porte of Southampton and at none other place withyn this realme, By reason whereof and duringe alle whiche tyme the said Mayor Bayliffes and Burgesses and alle thinhabytauntes of the saide Towne then beyng Weare well hable not only to paye yearelie unto your most noble progenitours for the tyme beyng a greate fee ferme of the said towne, but also weare hable to maynteyne upholde and repayre at their only costes and chardges the Walles Seabankes and ditches aboute the same towne, and to have in a readynes for defence against the forreyne enemyes great plenty of armor weapons ordenaunce shott powder and other artillory and thinges nedefull, And althoughe the said merchaunt strangers weare ever well used and entretid at the said towne and porte of Southampton, yet nevertheles they of late yeares sekyng to lande the said Wynes at dyvers other places and Creekes withyn this relme did for the moste parte departe from the saide porte of Southampton, and dayly landed their said Wynes at dyvers other Crekes and plaees Where they myghte best do the same, without paying the iust eustom and subsidy due for the saide Wynes, By reason whereof your said Supplyantes aswell for the redresse therof as also for the relyf of the said towne and porte and thinhabytauntes of the same did make their eomplaynt and humble petycion to your Maiestes most dere Syster the late Quene Mary, Who graciously hearyng and eonsiderynge their humble petyeions and sute for the redres of alle the premisses, did by her most graeious letters patentes under the greate seale of Englande graunte unto your said orators by the name of the Maior Bayliffes and Burgesses of the said towne of Southampton and to their suecessors amongest other thynges that alle manner of Malmesyses and other swete wynes growing in the Ilandes of Candy and Rotymo withyn the parties of levant beyond the sea or in eny parte of the levant aforesaide whiche from the feaste of Saynt John Baptest next followyng the date of the saide letters patentes shold be transported from the parties beyond the sea into this realme of Englande sholde in no parte of the saide realme of Englande be put to lande but onlye at the saide porte and towne of Southampton. And farther the saide late Quene Mary by her said lettres patentes did prohybytt every merchaunt denyzon and straunger that they nor any of them shold dischardge the saide wynes in any other porte or place of this realme then only in the said towne and porte of Southampton upon payne of forfeiture to the said late Quene her heyres and sueeessors for every butt of the saide wynes, that shold be putt on land contrary to the saide graunte, twenty shillynges of lawfull money of England over and above the subsidy and custom of the same Wynes before that tyme due and accustomed to be paide, And that thone moyty of the said forfeiture should be unto the saide late Quene her heyres and successors and thother moyty therof unto the said Mayor Bayliffes and Burgesses and their successors from tyme to tyme, Whensoever the same shold happen as by the same letters patentes more playnly it doth and may appeare; And forasmoche as somme ambyguytes doubtes and questions have growen upon the said graunte, and Whether the same be good in lawe to ehardge the saide straungers with suehe penaltes as be theryn eonteynid or not, Therefore the said graunt made by the said late Quene to the said late Mayor Bayliffes and Burgesses hathe not hitherto taken suche effecte as by the same was well meant and intendid, and therefore the said straungers that do dayly bryng the same wynes into this relme very contemptuously

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and against the purporte and effecte of the said graunte do lande their said Wynes at divers rodes and creekes withyn this realme, Wheare they think good them selfes and for the most parte Wheare they may best deceyve Your Highnes of the Custom and Subsydye due for the same, By reason Whereof Your Maiesty dothe not only susteyne greate loss and hynderans, But also your said towne and porte of Southampton is therby like to falle in great ruyn and decaye, Therefore may it please Your Highnes with thassente and consente of the Lordes Spriuall and temporall and the Commons in this present parliament assemblid and by aucthorytie of the same, that it maye be enacted, That alle Wynes called Malmesies and other swete wynes of the growthe of Candye and Rotymo aforesaide in the said partes of levant beyond the streightes of Marrock or any other place withyn the parties of levant aforesaide whiche from the firste daye of Auguste next comyng shalbe brought into this realme by any merchaunt straungers whatsover shall be landen and discharged at the said towne and porte of Southampton and at none other place withyn this relme of England or Wales upon payne of forfeiture of twenty shyllinges of lawfull money of Englande for every butt of the said Wynes that shalbe otherwise or at any other place landen within this realme of Englande or Wales over and besides the subsydy and customs that shalbe due to be payd for the same, and thone moytie of the said forfeiture may be unto your highnes your heyres and successors, and thother moytie therof to the said Mayor Bayliffes and Burgesses and their successors, and that the said Mayor Bayliffes and Burgesses may aske demaunde and sewe for the same by accion of debt bylle playnte or informacioun in any Court of recorde, In whiche sute no essoign protection or wager of lawe shalbe allowed or admitted for the party defendaunt, Provided alwayes and be it further enacted by thaucthorytie aforesaid that it shalle and may be lawfull to and for every naturall borne subiecte of this realme whiche shalle transporte or brynge in any Englyshe shippe vessell or bottom any of the said Wynes called Malmesyes or eny other swete Wynes of the growth of Candy or Rotymo aforesaid or of any other place withyn the parties of levante, or from the said parties of levant into this relme to lande and dischardge the same at any porte or haven within this relme at their willes and pleasures in suche like manner and forme as they sholde or might have done, if this acte never had [been] nor made, any thing conteynid in this acte or in the saide letters patentes to the contrary notwithstanding, Provided also and be it further enacted by thauctoryty aforesaide that from the makyng of this acte it shalbe lawfull for every Burges and inhabitor of the said towne of Southampton and also for every Englyshe Merchaunt dwellyng in any citie or towne within this realme of England to buy any of the said Swete Wynes at the said Towne of Southampton at their willes and pleasures and the same to retayle or otherwise to selle agayne, any acte or statute heretofore made to the contrary in any wise notwithstandinge, this acte to contynewe to thende of the nexte parliamente.—Nos Autem tenorem actus parliamenti predicti ad requisicionem dilectorum nobis Maioris Ballivorum et Burgensium ville Southampton predicte duximus exemplificandum per presentes. In cujus rei &c., &c. Teste me ips' apud Westmonasterium &c.

(45.) 19 November, 12 Elizabeth. Letters Patent of a Commission to Rowlande Haywarde and William Allen, aldermen of London, and to John Cooke and William Staveley, aldermen of Suthampton, To enquire and take order respecting four ships laden with Malveseys and other Sweete Wynes, whose owners, according to information received

by Her Majesty, have discharged or intend to discharge the said wines at the port of London, in contravention of the Act of Parliament of 5 Elizabeth, enacting that "alle Wynes called Malveseys and other Swete Wynes of the grouthe of Candy and Rotymo in the parties of levant beyonde the streightes of Marrock or in any other place within the parties of levante whiche from the first daie of Auguste then next ensuyng shoulde be broughte into this Realme by any Merchauntes and Straungers whatsoever shoulde be landed and discharged at the towne and porte of Southampton and at none other place within this Realme of England or Wales."

(46.) 25 June, 13 Elizabeth. Letters Patent of Exemplification of a certain writ "de cercioraudo" directed on 21 June of Her Majesty's said 13th year to Francis Spelman, clerk of Her Majesty's Parliaments; Together with Exemplification of the tenor of a certain Act of Parliament (made on the 2nd day of last April) returned into Chancery by the said Francis Spelman in accordance with the said writ. After setting forth the purport of the previous Act of Parliament, touching the importation of Malveseye and other Sweete Wines from the Levant into England, made in the 5th year of Her Majesty's reign, the Act here exemplified provides and ordains "that the said acte" of her Majesty's 5th year "and every article clause and thinge therein conteyned shalle stande be remayne and contynewe in fulle force and effect to alle intentes construccions and purposes forever and dulie be putt in execucion accordinge to the true intent and meaninge thereof, for the better relieff and maintenaunce of the saide Porte and Towne of Southampton, Provided alwaies &c. that alle forfeictures and paymentes coming to the Towne of Southampton at alle tymes from henceforth by vertue of this Acte be imployed only upon the mayntenaunce of the Walles and defence of the said Towne, Wherof a sure booke to be kepte and therein inrolled and ingrossed aswelle alle suche sommes of money as come to the same by reason of this acte from tyme to tyme, as also howe and in what places and to whom it was expended and paide for the mayntenaunce of the Walles and defence of the said Towne."—Teste. me ips' apud Westmonasterium &c.

(47.) 12 May, 25 Elizabeth. Letters Patent of a Commission of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery, addressed to Edward earl of Lincoln the Lord High Admiral, Henry earl of Pembroke, the Mayor for the time being of the town of Southampton, Henry Radcliffe knt., George Carye knt., John Penruddocke esq., recorder of the said town, and eleven others, nine of them being aldermen of the said town.—Teste me ips' apud Westmonasterium &c.

(48.) 4 September, 1598 [40 Elizabeth]. Letters of a Commission of Reprisals, dated by the Lord High Admiral, Earl of Nottingham and Baron of Effingham knt., to Lawrence Prouse gentleman, To set forth the sēas the ship called The Welcome and therewith seize the ships and merchandises of the King of Spain and of any of the said King's subjects. Dated at London in Her Majestes High Courte of Admiraltie &c.

(49.) 22 January, 42 Elizabeth. Letters Patent of a Licence to the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of the town of Suthampton and their successors to keep and hold yearly for ever three several fairs: one of the said fairs to be held on the Shrove Sunday and two following days, another of the said fairs to be held on St. Mark's day and the two following days, and the third of the said fairs to be held "in die Martis post festum Sancti Andree Apostoli," and the two following days, of each

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year for ever, "unacum Curia Pedis Pulverizati ibidem tempore earundem feriarum et nundinarum et earum cujuslibet."—Teste me ips' apud Westmonasterium &c.

(50.) 24 July, 5 James I. Letters Patent of Exemplification of a certain writ directed on the 8th day of July in the said 5th year of His Majesty's reign to Sir Thomas Smith knt., Clerk of His said Majesty's Parliaments, Together with Exemplification of the tenor, returned into Chancery in accordance with the said writ's requirements, of a certain Act of Parliament entitled "An Act for the Confirmacion of some parte of a Charter graunted by Kinge Henry the Sixt to the Maior Bailiffes and Burgesses of the Towne of Southampton and for the releife of the said Towne," and made in the 4th year of His aforesaid Majesty's reign, To restrain persons not being free of the said town from buying any merchandises (salt and sea fish only excepted) of, and selling any merchandise (salt and sea fish only excepted) to any person or persons within the said town, not being free of the same.—Teste me ips' apud Westmonasterium &c.

(51.) 6 February, 6 James I. Letters Patent of the grants, whereby the King granted to the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of Southampton and their successors for ever "alle and everye those the same suche and soo many our Tounes and other porcions of prisage wynes to be yerelie and from tyme to tyme had and taken out of alle and everye the prise wynes comynge or growinge in the saide Towne of Southampton or in the porte of the same Towne, which were heretofore graunted or payable or used to bee payd or delivered by anie of our Progenitors or predecessors kinges of this our Realme of Englande or by our or theire Butlers of England or any other our or theire Officers or by anie other parsoune or parsounes bodyes pollitique or corporate whatsoever for us or them or anie of them yerelye or every yere unto anye late Abbottes and Coventes of the late severall Monasteries or Abbies of Bewlye Letley" (*sic*) "Tichfeild and Waverley or anie of them or to anye late Prior and Covent of the late Priorys of Saint Dennis, And which Tonnes and other porcions of prisage Wynes were late parcell of the severall possessions of the said severall Monasteries Abbies and Prioryes and came or ought to have come unto us or some of our progenitors or predecessors by reason of the severall dissolucions of the same Monasteries Abbies and Prioryes and are nowe in our handes and possession."—Witnes Our Selfe at Westmynster &c.

(52.) 15 June, 14 James. Letters Patent of Inspeximus and Confirmation, of the Letters Patent, dated by Queen Elizabeth on the 6th day of May in the 6th year of her reign, of Inspeximus and Confirmation of the Letters Patent, dated by Philip and Mary, of Inspeximus and Confirmation of Letters Patent, dated Edward the Sixth, of Inspeximus and Confirmation of Letters Patent, dated by Henry the Eighth, of Inspeximus and Confirmation of Letters Patent, dated Henry the Seventh, of Inspeximus and Confirmation of Letters Patent, dated by Edward the Fourth, for the confirmation of concessions made by previous sovereigns to the burgesses of Southampton —Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium &c.

(53.) March 11, Charles I. Letters Patent of a Commission of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery for the Town and County of Southampton, directed to the Lord High Admiral, and to Lord Keeper Coventry, John Marquis of Winchester, Thomas Earl of Southampton, William Earl of Hertford, Sir Henry Marten knt. Judge of the Admiralty Court, the Mayor of Southampton for the time being, Robert Mason Doctor of Laws and Judge of the Admiralty Court

in the county of Southampton and the Isle of Wight, Thomas Levington esq. Recorder of the Town of Southampton and to John Guillam, George Gallopp, Edward Exton, Nicholas Pescod, John Clangeon, Nathaniel Mille, Peter Seale, Thomas Mason and Peter Clangeon of the same town alderman.—Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium &c.

(54.) 27 June, 16 Charles I. Letters Patent dated by Charles the First to the Mayor baliffs and burgesses of the town of Southampton and their successors for ever, for the reconstitution of the said town, with confirmation and more precise declaration of the powers and franchises granted to the same town by previous sovereigns.—Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium &c.

(55.) 19 February, 14 Charles II. Letters Patent of a Commission to the Mayor of Southampton for the time being, William Legg, esq., Richard Ford knt., Richard Goddard, Thomas Knowles, Laurence Hyde, Arthur Bold, Roger Gollop, Thomas Mill, and Edward Hooper of Chilworth, esquires, Thomas Corderoy, Edward Exton, Peter Clungeon (*sic*), Henry Pitt, William Stanley, James Caplin, William Horne, Joseph Delamote, Thomas Cornelius, James Clungeon (*sic*), Nicholas Clement, and Edward Downe aldermen of the aforesaid town, and Robert Richbell gentleman; To execute within the said town and county thereof the Act of Parliament "For the well governing and regulatinge of Corporacions."

(56.) 15 September, 4 James II. Letters Patent of Reconstitution and Reincorporation of the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of Southampton and their successors for ever into a free town and county; With appointment of Richard White esq. to be the first Mayor, of Thomas Cooper esq. to be the first Recorder, of Robert Vernon to be the first Sheriff; of Richard White aforesaid, William Brackstone, Richard Hunt, Adam de Cardinall, William Lyne, Robert Vernon aforesaid, Robert Culliford, Cornelius Macham, John Thornburgh, William Cropp, William Joliffe and John Lee to be the first Aldermen; of Jonathan Ingles and Thomas Barnard to be the first Bailiffs; of the aforesaid Jonathan Ingles, the aforesaid Thomas Barnard, ... Piccard, Leonard Cropp, Thomas Bracebridge, John Gilbert, Thomas Bower, John Fassett, James Flower, Edward Fryer, John Greenwood, and William Stokes to be the first Common Councillors; and of William Pocock to be the first Common Clerk, of the said town by virtue of the same Letters Patent :— With dispensation to the afore-appointed Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Bailiffs, Common Councillors, &c. &c. from the necessity of taking the Oath of Supremacy mentioned in a certain Statute of 1 Elizabeth, and the Oath of Allegiance and Obedience mentioned in a certain Statute of 3 James I., and of the Oaths mentioned in a certain Statute of 13 Charles II. entitled "An Act for the well governing and regulating of Corporacions," and from the necessity of taking the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper according to the rite and use of the Anglican Church, and also of taking and subscribing the Declarations mentioned in the aforesaid Statute 13 Charles II. or in a certain Statute of the same last-mentioned King's 25th year, entitled "An Act for preventing Dangers which may happen from Popish Recusants," &c., &c., &c.: It being also provided, amongst other things, "quod nullus Recordator vel Communis Clericus ville predicte imposterum eligendus vel perficiendus ad execucionem officii sui respective admittatur nisi Approbatio et consensus noster heredum vel successorum nostrorum sub Sigillo vel Signeto Manuali nostro heredum vel sucessorum nostrorum in ea parte prius Significabitur."—Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium &c.

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(57.) 6 William IV. Letters Patent of the Grant that "A Separate Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace" shall continue to be holden in and for the Borough of Southampton.—Also, Letters Patent of a Commission of the Peace to the Mayor for the time being and others of the Borough of Southampton.

(58.) 1 Victoria. Letters Patent of a Commission of the Peace to the Mayor for the time being and others of the Borough of Southampton.

(59.) 20 Victoria. Letters Patent of a Commission of the Peace to the mayor for the time being and others of the Borough of Southampton.

(c.) *Deeds, Municipal and Private:—Including Unconditional Grants in Perpetuity, Grants in Fee Farm, Writings of Release and Quit Claim, Indentures of Agreement, Acknowledgments, Bonds, and other Instruments.*

— Henry III. Deed of gift and conveyance for ever, by William Gor to Adam le Hordyer of Suthampton, burgess, of a piece of vacant ground in English Street in the parish of St. Laurence of the said town of Suthampton. Sealed with the donor's seal and also, for greater security, with the seal "prepositure ville Suthampton," and witnessed by Thomas le Blund and Robert le Mercier, then bailiffs of the said town, and by Henry le Flameng, Nicholas de Barfleut, Robert Bonheit, Geoffery de la Puse, Thomas de Andeuer, Walter le Hordier, Ralph the Little, Nicholas Gese, Richard Tebaud, John Hug', Robert Hug', John Elyot and others.

— 30 Edward I. Indenture (French) of a lease for a year of the Farm of the town of Suthampton by Peter de Lyons, Robert le Barber, John de la Barre, Richard de Bareflut, John de Montdenarde, John le Flameng, Rauf Bissoup, Edmond Cole, Thomas le Gardenyer, William Bykelonde, Symon de Shirlye, William atte Nywelonde, Imberd Stangman, Roberd le Border, Thommas Dykeman, Robert le Barber, William le Wyte, Roberd de la Stone, William de Bottelye, Richard Bagge, Henry Burgeys, James de Andeuere and all the community of the town of Suthampton, to Roberd le Mercyer, Thomas Stout, John de Shirlye, John de Borgoyne, Adam le Horder, John le Molenyr, John le Dulbere, and Henry de Lym.

— Edward I. Deed of sale and conveyance for ever by the executors of the will of William Seylde deceased, late burgess of the town of Suthampton, of a messuage with appurtenances in English Street of the said town, to John de Weston and his wife Agnes and their son John.

— Edward I. Deed of gift and conveyance for ever, of a "petrinum cum uno celario et pertinenciis suis" and divers rents in the town of Suthampton, by Henry Brian, Thomas Brian, Constance Brian, Matildis Brian, and Agnes Brian to Adam le Hordier of Suthampton and Joan (the sister of the said Constance, Matildis and Agnes) and the heirs of their bodies.

— Edward I. Deed of the gift in fee-farm, at a yearly rent of ten shillings for ever, of a tenement with a curtilage and a shop in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Robert le Barkyer to Roger de Basinges of the said town burgess.

— Edward I. (?). Deed of release and quit-claim, in respect to a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Richard le Barbour to John de Weston of the said town burgess.

— Edward I. Deed of gift in fee-farm for ever, at a yearly rent of a silver farthing, of a certain half-acre of land (with the exception of a certain eighth thereof), in the suburb of the town of Suthampton, by Roysia Geldenyshe, widow and executrix of the late John Horn, to Adam le Hordyer of the said town, burgess.

— Edward I. Deed of gift and conveyance for ever of divers lands, tenements, and rents in the town of Suthampton, by Margery, daughter and heir of Nicholas Simon deceased, to Lucy Sampson, sometime wife of Hugh Sampson, formerly of Suthampton, burgess.

— Edward I. Deed of gift and conveyance for ever of a house in Boule Strete in town of Suthampton, by Richerius Tresaut and his wife Juliana to Thomas, son of Thomas de Andeuere.

— Edward I. Deed of gift in fee-farm, of a certain garden and a rent in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Geoffrey de Peisa clerk to Adam le Hordier of the said town, burgess.

— Edward I. Deed of gift and conveyance for ever of tenements in French Street in the town of Suthampton, by Henry le Lung of the said town, burgess, to John de Burgoyne and his wife Cecilia.

— Edward I. Deed of gift and conveyance for ever of a house in French Street in the town of Suthampton, and of three acres of arable land in the suburb of the same town, by Joan la Flemeng widow to Peter de Rue.

— Edward I. Deed of gift and conveyance for ever, by Thomas le Halueknyzt (son and coheir of Thomas le Halueknyzt formerly of Suthampton, burgess, and his wife Cristina) of all his share of the tenement called "La Westhalle" in the said town, to John de Schirlye of the said town, burgess, and his wife Felicia; the said share of La Westhalle being described in the deed in these terms "videlicet, petrinum cum celario subjacente et quandam cameram que vocatur la Oriole que est supra portam predicti tenementi in vico Francisco, una cum quodam stabulo infra dictam portam retro dictum petrinum et celario adjacente que omnia predicta mihi acciderunt jure hereditario." Witnessed by Adam le Hordyr then alderman of the town of Suthamptone, William Fogul, and Robert Le Hordyr, then bailiffs of the said town, and Robert le Mercyr, Thomas Stut, John de Puteo, Henry de Lym, John de Montdenard, Richard de Barflut, William Bassingrom the elder, Thomas Dykeman, Roger le Blouces, and Richard English, then clerk of the Town of Suthamptone.

— Edward I. Indenture of the agreement, made between John Le Halueknyzt, Thomas le Halueknyzt, William Bassingrom and his wife Petronilla, Roger le Halueknyzt, and Walter le Halueknyzt (the coheirs of Thomas le Halueknyzt and his wife Cristina), for division of and participation in the tenement and its appurtenances called La Westhalle in the town of Suthampton, lying in the parish of the church of St. John the Baptist of the said town. Witnessed by Adam le Hordyr then alderman, William Foghel then bailiff, and Robert le Hordyr the customer of the town of Suthampton, and by John de Schirlye, Thomas Stut, Richard de Bareflet, Henry de Lym and many others.

18 December, 5 Edward II. Deed of gift and conveyance for ever of a tenement in Symenelestrete in the town of Suthampton, by Alice formerly the wife of Richard Ballestare, deceased, and Agnes daughter and heir of the said Richard, to Philipp Suel of the said town burgess.

— 10 Edward II. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to a tenement in Symenelestrete in the town of Suthampton, by Alice

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formerly the wife of Richard le Arblastir and by Agnes la Arblastir daughter of the same Alice, to Richard Bagge of the said town burgess.

— 10 Edward II. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to a messuage in the town of Suthampton, by John le Haluenyght, son and coheir of Thomas le Halueknyght formerly of the said town burgess, to Richard Bagge burgess of Suthampton.

— 10 Edward II. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to a tenement in Simenelestrete in the town of Suthampton, by Richard Hongles and his wife Alice, to Thomas Frost of the same town burgess.

— 10 Edward II. Deed of sale and conveyance of a tenement in Symenelestrete in the town of Suthampton, by Thomas Frost to Richard Bagge of the said town.

— 10 Edward II. Deed of gift and conveyance of a tenement in Symenelestrete in the town of Suthampton, by Richard Bagge of the said town burgess, to Richard Sweye of the said town burgess.

— 10 Edward II. Deed of gift and conveyance of a tenement in Symenelestrete in the town of Suthampton, by Thomas Frost of the said town burgess, to Richard Bagge of the same town burgess.

— 10 Edward II. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to a tenement in Simenelestrete in the town of Suthampton, by Agnes daughter of Richard le Arblastir late of the said town deceased, to Richard Bagge of the said town burgess.

— 10 Edward II. to 1 Edward III. Portion of a Roll of the Receivers of Acknowledgments of Debts within the town of Suthampton.

— 11 Edward II. Deed of gift by Isabella, daughter and heir of Roger de Bassinges deceased, of a certain tenement with appurtenances in the town of Suthampton, to Reymund Arnald "de Monte Ansario," to hold for his security, till he shall be satisfied in respect to the articles of an agreement made (with the consent of the said Isabella) between Robert Tromfletes and his wife Isabella (mother of the aforementioned Isabella) of the one part and the said Reymund of the other part.

— 11 Edward II. Lease for six years of a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Robert de Tromfletes and his wife Isabella, to Reymund Arnald of Monte-Ansar, of the said town burgess.

14 March, 11 Edward II. Deed of gift and conveyance for ever of a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Petronilla Dykeman formerly the wife of Nicholas de Barefluet, to Mathew Gentylcors clerk.

— 12 Edward II. Deed of gift and conveyance for ever of a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Mathew Gentilcorps to Petronilla formerly the wife of Nicholas de Barefluet and to John Petyngar.

— 14 Edward II. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to a tenement with appurtenances in English Street, by Richard le Sceytare son of Richard le Sceytare of Romasye to John Aurey of Suthampton.

— 15 Edward II. Deed of gift and conveyance for ever, of a tenement with appurtenances in Simenelestrete in the town of Suthampton, by John Wodham burgess of the said town, to Reginald Martin of the same town burgess.

— 17 Edward II. Deed of gift and conveyance of a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton by Richard Tholouse, son

of Henry de Tholouse the elder of Broncleye, to John Forest of Suthampton burgess.

— 17 Edward II. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to a piece of vacant ground in French Street in the town of Suthampton, by John Bevereche of the said town to Hugh Sampson of the same town, burgess.

— 19 Edward II. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to two tenements in the town of Suthampton, by Symon Botenylayn of the said town burgess and his wife Felicia, to Hugh Sampsson of the same town burgess.

24 July, 20 Edward II. Indenture (French) of an agreement, made between John le Long, Hugh le Long and Anneys Fyslekes sister of the aforesaid John and Hugh (sons and daughter of Henry le Longes deceased, formerly burgess of the town of Suthampton), for division of and participation in the tenements, formerly pertaining in Suthampton to their said father, Henry le Longes. Also a duplicate of the same indenture.

— Edward II. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to two shops, with appurtenances and a yearly rent of ten shillings in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Isabella daughter and heir of Roger de Bassinges formerly of the said town burgess, to Reymund Arnald of Monte Ansar burgess of the same town.

— Edward II. Deed of gift and conveyance of a tenement in Symenelestrete in the town of Suthampton, by John Bondborn of the said town burgess to Nicholas Sampsson burgess of the same town.

— Edward II. Deed of gift and conveyance of a piece of land in French Street in the town of Suthampton, by John Beuereche and William Dykeman of the said town burgesses, to Hugh Sampsson burgess of the same town.

— Edward II. Deed of gift and conveyance for ever of a yearly rent of ten shillings out of a tenement in the fish market of the town of Suthampton, by Caterine la Hordyr, daughter and coheir of Adam le Hordyr the elder late of Suthampton deceased, to Thomas de Nosschoolyng of the same town burgess.

— Edward II. Deed of gift and conveyance for ever of a tenement in Symenel Street in the town of Suthampton, by Philipp Suel of the said town burgess, to Thomas le Skynnere called Vorstes burgess of the same town.

— Edward II. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Isabella daughter and heir of Roger de Bassynges formerly of the said town, to her mother Isabella formerly the wife of the said Roger.

— Edward II. Bond of William Bassingrom of the town of Suthampton burgess, for warranty to John Schirlye and his wife Felicia, of a certain "celarium" in the same town, given to the said John and Felicia by the aforesaid William and his wife Petronilla.

— Easter, 1327 A.D. Deed of gift and conveyance of a tenement in French Street in the town of Suthampton, by Hugh Sampson of the said town burgess, to John de Doone called Shauennyr of the said town burgess and his wife Cristina.

— 3 Edward III. Certificate that John de Vyenna, the King's clerk for acknowledgements of debts to be received in the town of Suthampton, has received "quoddam transcriptum statutum domini Regis in hec verba &c. &c."

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— 3 Edward III. Indenture of an agreement between the Mayor and Community of the city of New Sarum of the one part and the Mayor and Community of the town of Suthampton of the other part: for the determination of controversies respecting tolls and customs. —Also a duplicate of the same indenture of an agreement for the determination of controversy and difference respecting tolls and customs, and for a settlement of the dues, henceforth to be paid on merchandize by the citizens and inhabitants of New Sarum, to the Mayor and community of the town of Suthampton.

— 3 Edward III. Deed of gift and conveyance for ever of a capital tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Nicholas de Bareflitt, son of Nicholas de Bareflitt the elder deceased, to Nicholas de Moundenard of the said town burgess.

— 4 Edward III. Deed of gift and conveyance for ever of divers tenements &c. &c. in the town of Suthampton, by John le Spicer of New Sarum and his wife Alicia, to Andrew Daune of Winchester chaplain.

— 4 Edward III. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Isabella daughter and heir of Roger de Bassinges formerly of Suthampton burgess deceased, to Robert de Barre of the said town burgess.

— 4 Edward III. Deed of gift and conveyance of a tenement with appurtenances in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by John de Weston, son of John de Weston formerly of the said town burgess, to John de Warb of the same town burgess, and his wife Cristina.

— 5 Edward III. Deed of gift and conveyance for ever, of a tenement in English Street in the Town of Suthampton, and of two houses in a suburb of the same town by Juliana Coppe to Thomas Palmere called "Le Taverner," of the same town burgess.

— 6 Edward III. Indenture of an agreement, made between Joan le Grauntes, daughter of Richard le Grauntes, of the one part, and John Attestone of the town of Suthampton burgess of the other part, respecting a certain rent.

6 July, 7 Edward III. Deed of assignment of nine unexpired years of a lease of a tenement in Suthampton, by John de Watlyngton to William le Smale.

6 July, 7 Edward III. Letters of attorney, for livery of seisin, by Mathew Gentilcorps to Roger atte Legh.

— 7 Edward III. Deed of gift and quitclaim, in respect to a piece of vacant ground in the town of Suthampton, by John de Weston to John Segyn of the said town burgess.

6 July, 7 Edward III. Deed of gift and conveyance of a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Matthew Gentilcorps to William le Smale and his wife Isabella.

6 July, 7 Edward III. Deed of sale of his reversionary interest in a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Mathew Gentilcorps to William le Smale and his wife Isabella.

6 July, 7 Edward III. Deed of sale and conveyance for ever, of a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Mathew Gentilcorps to William le Smale of the said town burgess and his wife Isabella.

— 9 Edward III. Deed of gift and conveyance for ever of a tenement in English street in the town of Suthampton, by William le

Smale and his wife Isabella to John de Barflutt of the said town burgess and his wife Joan.

30 August, 9 Edward III. Deed of gift and conveyance for ever of certain tenements in the town of Suthampton, by Richard de Kingeston (rector of the church of St. Cross of Suthampton) to Nicholas Sampson and his wife Isabella.

— 10 Edward III. Deed of quitclaim for nine years, in respect to a certain rent of nine shillings, by Stephen Lambard of Suthampton burgess and his wife Alice, to Robert de Portesmuth smith and his wife Alice and their son John.

6 February, 11 Edward III.—Deed of Mutual Release, between the Mayor and community of Winchester on the one part and the Mayor and community of Suthampton on the other part, for the determination of controversy.

— 13 Edward III. Letters of Attorney, for livery of seisin, by John de Weston of Suthampton burgess to Richard le Ryder of the same town.

13 July, 13 Edward III. Indenture of agreement between Edward the Black Prince of the one part and Thomas Beauchamp, Earl of Warrewyk of the other part.—"Ceste endenture faite perentre le noble et puissant seigneur Sire Edward eisnez filz au noble roi Dengleterre dues de Cornewaille Coumte de Cestre et Gardein Dengleterre dune part, et le noble home Monsieur Thomas de Beauchamp Coumt de Warrewyk dautre, tesmoigne qe le dit Coumt est demeure sur la garde de la ville de Suthampton come gardein de meisme la ville, a mettre le bien qil pourra pour la sauve garde dycelle du lundy prochein apres la feste de Seint Jake prochein apres la date de ceste jusqes a la fin dun quarter del an prochein ensuant plenerement accompli et auera le dit Coumte ovesque lui sur meisme la garde Cent homes darmes de queux il auera de ses gentz propres cynkante homes darmes lui meisme Coumt, un Baneret et dis Chivalers purvuant pour lui meisme et ses dites gentz darmes les gages Le Roi de de guerre accoustumez et auera aussi ovesqe lui sur meisme la garde Cent et vint Archers des queux le dit Coumt auera de ses soens propres guarante, checun de eux purvuant le jour trois deniers des queles gages aussbien des gentz darmes come des Archers il serra . . . . et paie pour un moys devant la meyn, et ensi de moys en moys devant la meyn, durant le terme susdit, et auera aussint le dit Coumt une commission sous le graunt seal notre Seigneur le Roi de surveoir les gentz darmes et Archers le Priour del Hospital et les gentz darmes de Berks et autres qe seront en aide de la garde de la dite ville et de les punir quele heure qe defaulte y soit trove, et aussint de destreyndre les gentz qe soievent estre enhabitez en meisme la ville et qe se sount mayntenant retretz de retournir et de y demeurer enforcement selontz lour estat, et en cas qils ne le voillent pas faire de seisir lour maisons rentes et autres possessions et touts lour biens et chateux deinz la ville en la meyn notre dit Seigneur le Roi, et aussi seront cynkant livres dargent ordinez et paiez en amendement de la dite ville et toute manere de garnesture des engins, espringals, arks, arbelastes, targes, launces et toute manere dautres engins demeuront en la dite ville pour la sauve garde dycelle et per endenteure, Et en cas qe les covenantz dusditz ne soient pas tenuz ne accompliz au dit Coumt, ou qe les enemys arrivent en Engleterre et demoererent a entencion de conquere par aillours il lirra bien a lui a departir de la dite ville ovesqes ses gentz susditz saunz reproeche et saunz etre enpesche par notre Seigneur

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le Roi ou nul de son conseil pour celle enchaison, En tesmoignance de queux chose, les parties susdites ount a cest endenture entrechaungeablement mys lour seals. Don a Kenyngton le xiij jour de Juyl Lan du regne le Roi Edward tierz apres le conquest treysime."

Also this roll:

Nomina Militum hominum ad arma et sagittariorum in Comitia Thome de Bello Campo Comitis Warrewyk super salvam custodiam ville Suhampton. A xxv^to^ Juiii anno xiij vsque xxv. diem Augusti proxime sequentem per xxxij dies, utroque die computato.

Idem Comes
Thomas de Astleye, Bannettus

Johannes de Lysours
Nicholaus Pecche
Nicholaus de Charneles
Nicholaus de Burneby
Johannes de Botiller
Johannes de Leukenore
Johannes Golafre
} Milites.

Nomina Armigerorum.

Robertus le Zousche.
Johannes le Despenser.
Henricus le Mortymer.
Willelmus de Hardeshulle.
Johannes Haunsard.
Willelmus de Shobyndone.
Radulphus Basset.
Willelmus de Lucy.
Walterus le Blount.
Fulco de Holcote.
Thomas Folyot.
Johannes de Harle.
Nicholaus Gascoun.
Thomas de Henle.
Rogerus de Ledbury.
Ricardus de Perytone.
Ricardus Chamberleyn.
Adam le Trompour.
Thomas le Trompour.
Walterus le Ken.
Gilbertus Chastiloun.
Stephanus de Dupham.
Ricardus de Redynges.
Hugo de Bromwyche.
Robertus de Stretfeld.
Ricardus de Hanford.
Roger de Kenynton.
Bertreamus de Wyme.
Willelmus Ryuel.
Nicholaus de Egebaston.
Johannes de Esenhall.
Oliuerus de Brompton.
Thomas de Burneby.
Johannes Scot.
Johannes Burdet.
Willelmus Carles.

Johannes de Milton.
Radulphus Pecche.
Johannes de Verdon.
Johannes de Norden.
Johannes Moreuille.
Petrus de Wasseburne.

By the side of this list on the same skin appears a similar list setting forth the "Nomina Saggittariorum."

Beneath these two lists appear :—

Perticule computi Thome de Bello Campo Comitis Warrewyk de receptis et vadiis ipsius Comitis hominum suorum ad arma et sagittariorum in Comitia ejusdem Comitis super salva et secura custodia ville Suhampton super convencionem inter Ducem Cornubie tunc Custodem Anglie et dictum Comitem per Indenturam inter eos confectam existentem et ad dictam villam Suhampton commorantem, videlicet a xxv. die Julii anno xiii., scilicet die dominica in festo Sancti Jacobi vsque xxv. diem Augusti proxime sequentem per xxxii. dies, primo et ultimo die computato.

Also, on another membrane (preserved in the same frame and under the same glass as the indenture and the already given schedule of names) the "Rotulus Nicholai atte Magdelene nuper Receptoris denariorum et victualium domini Regis apud Suhampton et Supervisoris Araiamenti et Retenementi hominum ad arma et sagittariorum existencium in Comitia domini Thome de Bello Campo Comitis Warrewyk tempore quo idem Comes habuit custodiam ville predicte"; setting forth the names, the men at arms, and the archers mentioned in the other roll.

These writings came into the possession of the Corporation so recently as 1849, in which year Mr. R. Laishley, then Mayor of Southampton, bought them at a public sale and gave them to the town.

— 13 Edward III. Deed of confirmation (of a deed of enfeoffment and conveyance of a piece of land in English Street in the town of Suthampton by John de Weston to Thomas le Saghiere) by Joane the wife of the said John de Weston.

— 14 Edward III. Deed of gift and conveyance of a "celarium," a shop and a piece of vacant ground in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Cristina la Rydar, formerly the wife of John le Barbyr deceased, to Richard Comyn of the said town burgess.

— 14 Edward III. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to a "celarium cum solario et petrina," divers shops and a piece of ground &c. in the town of Suthampton, by John de Weston to Richard Comyn of the said town burgess.

— 14 Edward III. Deed of gift for ever, of a piece of land in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Thomas le Saghiere to Richard Comyn of the said town burgess.

— 14 Edward III. Deed of grant for life, in survivorship, of a messuage with places before and behind it in English Street in the town of Suthampton, to Augustine Burgeis and his wife Isabella, by William atte Burche and his wife Isabella.

— 14 Edward III. Deed of gift for ever of a piece of land in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by John de Weston to Thomas le Saghiar of the said town burgess.

— 14 Edward III. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to certain shops, cellars, upper rooms, &c. in the town or suburb of the town of Suthampton, by John de Weston to Richard Comyn of the said town burgess.

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— 14 Edward III. Deed of gift for ever of a "celarium" shops and messuages &c. in the town or suburb of the town of Suthampton, by Cristina la Rydare to Richard Comyn of the said town burgess.

— 16 Edward III. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to a piece of land in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Cristina widow of the late Philip de Baryngton to William Dolle of the said town butcher and burgess.

— 17 Edward III. Deed of gift for ever, of "a place" with a curtilage in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by John le Saddeler to Robert le Suteler of the said town burgess.

— 17 Edward III. Deed of gift for ever, of a messuage in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by John de Watlyngton of New Sarum to John le Clerk mariner and his wife Alice.

— 17 Edward III. Letters of Attorney, for livery of seisin, by Gilbert Aucnal and his wife Alicia to John Segyn of Suthampton.

— 17 Edward III. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Joan de Weston widow, to Richard Comyn of the said town burgess.

— 18 Edward III. Deed of gift for ever of a place in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Nicholas Montdenard of the said town burgess to Robert de Portesmuth of the same town smith.

— 19 Edward III. Deed of gift, for life in survivorship, of two shops with a curtilage in Bole Street in the town of Suthampton, by Agnes le Smale to Nicholas Sampson the elder of the said town burgess and his wife Isabella.

— 19 Edward III. Deed of gift for ever of a piece of vacant ground in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Nicholas Sampson the elder of the said town burgess and his wife Isabella, to Thomas Wodefold of the said town burgess and his wife Agnes.

6 March, 19 Edward III. Deed of gift for ever of a piece of land in "Le Fisshchepyng" of the town of Suthampton by Robert Wrangy to his brother Nicholas Wrangy.

10 March, 19 Edward III. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to a pece of land in "le Fysshchepynges" in the town of Suthampton, by Robert Wrangy to his brother Nicholas Wrangy of the said town burgess.

8 September, 19 Edward III. Deed of sale and conveyance for ever of a piece of vacant ground in the town of Suthampton, by Alice Segyn and her husband John Segyn to Richard Comyn of the said town burgess.

— 19 Edward III. Deed of conveyance for ever, of a piece of ground in the town of Suthampton, by John Segyn of the said town burgess and his wife Alicia, to Richard Comyn of the said town burgess.

— 19 Edward III. Deed of grant for life in survivorship, at a yearly rent of a red rose, of two shops with a curtilage in Bole Street in the town of Suthampton, to Nicholas Sampson the elder of the said town burgess and his wife Isabella, by Agneta daughter of William le Smale formerly burgess of the same town.

— 19 Edward III. Deed of sale and conveyance for ever, of a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, to Roger Godefrey of the said town burgess, by Henry de Chippenham parson

of the church of St. John of Suthampton and Adam Gondozar atte Burche, executors of the testament of Isabella la Carter formerly the wife John le Carter formerly burgess of the same town.

— 20 Edward III. Deed of grant in fee-farm of a toft in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by William le Horder of the said town burgess and his wife Agnes, to Richard Imberd burgess of the same town.

— 20 Edward III. Deed of gift and conveyance, of a toft in the town to Suthampton, by Thomas Draycote chaplain, to John Barnabe of New Sarum and his wife Florence, and the heirs of her body.

20 March, 20 Edward III. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to a certain yearly rent of eight shillings, issuing out of a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Laurence de Mes of the said town burgess and his wife Felicia, to Roger Godefrey burgess of the same town.

— 22 Edward III. Deed of gift for ever of a "celarium cum petrina" in the town of Suthampton, by Thomas de Draycote, chaplain, to John Consaill and John Barnabee of New Sarum.

— 28 Edward III. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by John de Upton parson of the church of St. Cross in Suthampton, to Thomas le Gust of the said town burgess.

— 32 Edward III. Deed of gift for ever of a piece of vacant land in French Street in the town of Suthampton, by Robert Wrangy of the said town burgess, to Thomas de Kyngton clerk.

— 33 Edward III. Copy of the deed of gift for ever of a "celarium cum petrinis supra-edificatis" and a toft in the town of Suthampton, by Robert de Boict citizen of New Sarum and Edmund Wier clerk to Richard le Sherere of the same city.

16 July, 34 Edward III. Deed of grant for life of all the lands and tenements at le Burchelonde, which descended to the grantor on the death of his father Edward atte Burch, by Robert atte Burche to John Rolf and John le Pipere the younger.

— 35 Edward III. Deed of gift for ever of one-half of a messuage in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Thomas Stride son of John Stride of Lemyngton to John Barflet.

— 36 Edward III. Deed of gift for ever of a piece of vacant land in the town of Suthampton by Thomas Dol to John Wytegode of the said town burgess.

— 37 Edward III. Certificate and Memorandum of the imposition of the seal of the town of Suthampton upon certain writings of the conveyance of a tenement in English Street, in the town of Suthampton, made by Lucy daughter and heir of the late Richard Comyn to Nicholas Langestoke of the said town burgess and his wife Cristina; the sealing being done at the request of the said Lucy, after her declaration on oath that she was eighteen years old.

4 July, 37 Edward III. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Lucy daughter of Richard Comyn deceased to Nicholas Langestoke and his wife Cristina.

— 37 Edward III. Acknowledgment of Lucy, daughter and heir of Richard Comyn formerly of the town of Suthampton burgess, for the payment of a sum of money (100*l.*) to Nicholas Langestoke of the said town burgess and his wife Cristina.

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— 37 Edward III. Letters of Attorney, for livery of seisin, by Cristina, the wife of William Thorny of Hamele, of the town of Suthampton burgess, to Thomas le Gust burgess of the same town.

— 37 Edward III. Deed of gift for ever of a tenement with two vaults in the town of Suthampton, by Lucy, daughter and heir of Richard Comyn, to Nicholas Langestoke and his wife Cristina.

— 40 Edward III.—Deed of grant in fee-farm of certain land called "le Langlonde" and a croft called "Pillokes" in the parish of Elyng, by Robert atte Burche and his wife Alice, to John Rolf and his wife Julian and to John Piper the younger and his wife Katherine.

11 April, 41 Edward III. Deed of gift for ever of a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Nicholas Sherwynde of the said town burgess, to John Polymound burgess of the same town.

25 September, 41 Edward III. Deed of gift for ever of the house called "Ronseval" and other tenements, &c. &c. in the town of Suthampton, by Stephen Michel to John Bron and Nicholas Sherewynd of the said town burgesses.

31 December, 42 Edward III. Indenture of an agreement made at Farnham in the diocese of Winchester between the Venerable Father and Lord, the lord William de Wykeham, bishop of Winchester, of the one part, and Edward Dieugard mayor of the town of Suthampton and John le Clerc the elder, John Wytegod, John Polymound and William Bacon the Scavini, and Roger Mascall and John Scarlet the bailiffs, and also Nicholas Langestoke the steward, and John Vissh, John le Clerc the younger, Henry Flemmyng, Adam Glouere, William Keruere, Nicholas Chapman, Richard Mey, William Malmeshulle, Nicholas Sherwynd, Thomas Hanwode, William Bole, Gregory Gerard, Ralph Tayllour, Henry Staunford, Bartholomew Denys and Robert de Aulton burgesses, and the whole community of the town of Suthampton, of the other part. Witnessing, "Quod cum dudum inter bone memorie dominum Adomarium tunc Electum Wintonie et communitatem Burgensium ville composicio quedam facta fuisset super diversis ne mercimonia negociaciones seu merchandise alique victualibus diurnis dumtaxat exceptis in dicta villa Suthampton aut empcio seu vendicio eorum quovis modo fierent durante tempore feriarum sive Nundinarum ad montem Sancti Egidii juxta Wyntoniam prout in dicta composicione quam dictus Henricus Rex Anglie dicti domini nostri Regis . . . . per cartam suam confirmavit plenius continetur quarum quidem composicionis et confirmacionis tenores sequuntur in hec verba, Anno domini Millesimo ducentesimo quinquagesimo quarto die dominica proxima post Annunciacionem dominicam apud Merewell facta est composicio inter Venerabilem patrem a dei gracia Wyntonie Electum ex parte una et communitatem Burgensium ville Suthampton ex altera, videlicet, Cum exorta fuisset contencio inter predictum dominum Electum et dictos Burgenses super vendicionibus empcionibus et rerum venalium mercandisis tronagio et pesagio earumdem que durantibus Nundinis Sancti Egidii in Monte a quocunque in villa de Suthampton exceptis victualibus fieri non debent, dicti Burgenses ac ipsorum tota communitas unacum consensu et spontanea voluntate consenserunt et consenciendo promiserunt quod decetero de quibusdam rebus venalibus aut mercandisis quocumque termino venientibus ad Villam Suthampton occasione Nundinarum predictarum Sancti Egidii vel ipsarum Nundinarum de causa existentibus in eadem villa, nulla fiet vendicio aut empcio in dicta villa Suthampton per aliquem mercatorem sive de villa sive de extra exist' durantibus Nundinis supradictis nisi de victualibus que licite vendi possunt, Nec aliquod

in eadem villa fieri debet tronagium aut pesagium dictarum rerum durantibus Nundinis prenotatis, Set omnes mercatores cum rebus suis venalibus et mercandisis predictis nundinis venientes ibidem et cum mercandisis occasione Nundinarum existentibus ibidem distringentur ad predictas Nundinas venire per catalla sua, quod si forsitan mercator ibi veniens cum rebus suis jurare voluerit se non ibidem venisse pro Nundinis aut occasione predictarum Nundinarum libere transeat recedat vel maneat sine compulsione aliqua veniendi ad Nundinas predictas duntamen durantibus dictis Nundinis nullam vendicionem in dicta villa faciat nisi de victualibus ut predictum est, Huic autem composicioni dicti Burgenses quantum in ipsis est consencientes ipsam observare et in nullo contravenire juramento prestito promiserunt jure domini Regis salvo cui per predictam composicionem nullum prejudicium generetur, In cujus rei testimonium nos Burgenses de Suthampton sigillum communitatis eiusdem ville presentibus literis fecimus apponi Dat' die et anno supranominatis: Henricus dei gracia Rex Anglie &c. &c. salutem, Inspeximus composicionem factam inter Venerabilem patrem Adomarium Wyntonie Electum et communitatem Burgensium ville nostre Suthampton in hec verba anno domini Millesimo ducentesimo quinquagesimo quarto &c. &c. &c. Nos autem predictam composicionem ratam habentes et gratam eam predicto Electo Wyntonie et successoribus suis pro nobis et heredibus nostris concedimus et confirmamus sicut composicio predicta racionabiliter testatur, Hiis testibus &c. &c. Dat' per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium vicesimo quarto die Aprilis anno regni nostri tricesimo nono; and *Witnessing* further that the same aforesaid agreement was viewed subsequently by Thomas Noteshullyng late mayor of the said town of Suthampton and by Roger Norman and other burgesses of the said town, and was approved and confirmed by the same mayor and burgesses by letters sealed with the seal of the community of the said town; which same letters (comprising the aforesaid agreement and confirmed by the present King of England) conclude with the following words, "quam quidem composicionem ratificamus confirmamus et approbamus pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris et communitate predicta imperpetuum, Concedimus eciam pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris ac communitate predicta quod ista composicio bis in annum in ecclesia beate Marie Suthampton per precentorem dicte ecclesie legatur et pupplicetur, videlicet in festis dominice in Ramis Palmarum et Assumpcionis beate Marie coram populo illuc ad processionem concurrente et sic imperpetuum de anno in annum pupplicetur et legatur, In cujus rei testimonium sigillum communitatis nostre ville Suthampton et sigilla nostra presentibus sunt appensa. Datum apud Suthampton die lune in festo Sancti Nicholai anno domini millesimo CCC^mo^ tricesimo tercio." After these recitals of previous letters, the present indenture continues, "Quibus quidem composicionibus et confirmacionibus iidem Edwardus Dieugard maior et Scabini Ballivi Senescallus ac ceteri burgenses predicti ac eciam communitas dicte ville Suthampton in presencia dicti domini Episcopi, domini Prioris Wyntonie Abbatis de Tychefeld, Dauid de Wollore Custodis rotulorum Cancellarie Regis, Ricardi de Rauensere Archidiaconi Lincolnie, dominorum Bernardi Brocas, Radulphi de Norton militum, Magistri Johannis Corf et Magistri Johannis Kelleseye notariorum publicorum ac aliorum fidedignorum tam de Comitatu Suthampton quam de Comitatu Surr' et Sussex fatebantur publice et expresse se contravenisse et eas violasse ac contra vim formam et effectum earundarum deliquisse eo quod tempore feriarum sive Nundinarum Sancti Egidii predicti ultimo preteritarum ministros Venerabilis Patris domini Episcopi supradicti ad dictam villam Suthampton ad faciendum et exercendum officium

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eorundem pro Nundinis predictis venientes contra dictas composiciones et confirmaciones ac libertatem ejusdem Episcopi impediverunt et sic deliquerunt propter quod iidem nunc Maior Scabini Ballivi Senescallus et ceteri Burgenses predicti vice et nomine eorundem ac tocius communitatis ejusdem ville Suthampton gracie et ordinacioni dicti domini Episcopi se simpliciter submiserunt et quadraginta dolia boni vini Vascon nomine emende pro delicto impedimento sive transgressione huiusmodi sibi pure ec spontanee optulerunt et concesserunt solvend' eidem domino Episcopo ad terminum per ipsum limitandum juxta ipsius voluntatem et beneplacitum, Volunt insuper et concedunt dicti Maior Scabini Ballivi Seneschallus et ceteri Burgenses pro se et communitate predicta quod composiciones et comfirmaciones predictas de quibus supra fit mentio factas quatenus eos et eorum quemlibet ac heredes et successores suos ac terrarum et tenementorum suorum tenentes concernunt inviolabiliter observabunt et in nullo contravenire volunt nec contravenient in futuro Item volunt et concedunt prefati nunc Maior Scabini Ballivi et alii predicti pro se et communitate predicta ac heredibus successoribus et terrarum et tenementorum suorum tenentibus quod Prefatus Episcopus et successores sui Episcopi Wintonie singulis annis imperpetuum libere habeat seu habeant unum ballivum sive ministrum quem duxerint seu duxerit deputandum ad interessendum morandum et videndum in villa Suthampton predicta pro toto tempore feriarum sive nundinarum predictarum ne alique empciones seu vendiciones ibidem fiant victualibus . . . . dumtaxat exceptis et ad facienda attachiamenta et aresta omminoda et plenariam execucionem de omnibus supradictis et ad seisiendum et capiendum in manus dicti domini Episcopi omnes forisfacturas ad ipsum in hac parte pertinentes si que fuerint vel acciderint et eas extra dictam villam abducendum et asportandum ad opus predicti Episcopi et successorum suorum absque impedimento seu contradiccione predictorum Maioris Scabinorum Ballivorum Senescalli aut aliorum Burgensium seu communitatis ejusdem ville Suthampton, heredum vel successorum suorum aut alicujus eorundem; Et si contingat quod ipsos Maiorem Scabinos Ballivos et alios predictos seu communitatem ejusdem ville Suthampton aut aliquem eorundem vel heredes successores aut terrarum et tenementorum suorum tenentes aut aliquem eorundem in premissis vel aliquo premissorum infuturum delinquere seu presenti composicioni aut aliis composicionibus et confirmacionibus predictis in aliquo contravenire, quod absit, tunc volunt et concedunt iidem nunc Maior Scabini Ballivi Senescallus Burgenses et communitas ejusdem ville Suthampton pro se heredibus ac successoribus suis ac terrarum et tenementorum suorum tenentibus quod quociens ipsi vel eorum aliquis sic deliquerit vel contravenerit seu contravenerint aut deliquerint tociens penam mille marcarum erga dictum dominum Episcopum et successores suos incurrant soluendarum eidem Episcopo aut successoribus suis Episcopis Wyntonie apud Wolveseye infra tres menses a tempore hujusmodi delicti aut transgressionis facte absque contradiccione seu dilatione ulteriori, Ad quam quidem summam mille marcarum terminis diebus et loco predictis ut premittitur fideliter solvendarum iidem nunc Maior Scabini Ballivi seu Burgenses et communitas dicte ville Suthampton obligant se heredes et successores suos ac terrarum et tenementorum suarum tenentes, necnon terras tenementa bona et catalla sua mobilia et immobilia quecunque prefato domino Episcopo et successoribus suis Episcopis Wyntonie imperpetuum . . . . . Volunt insuper predicti nunc Maior Scabini &c., &c., &c. quod annuatim die dominica ante festum Sancti Egidii et die dominica proxima post festum in ecclesia Sante Crucis ac in plena Curia Suthampton . . . . fieri faciant publicam proclamacionem inter eos dum major pars populi ibidem fuerint de predictis composicionibus . .

. . . ne de eis aliquis pretendere possit ignoranciam in futurum, Et preter hoc annis singulis imperpetuum die dominica in Ramis Palmarum et in festo Assumpcionis beate Marie Virginis in ecclesia beate Marie Suthampton ad majorem noticiam premissorum publicari facient coram populo omnia et singula contenta in composicionibus et confirmacionibus memoratis . . . . . Et ad omnia et singula premissa fideliter tenenda et observanda &c. &c. prefati nunc Maior Scabini et alii superius nominati . . . . . nichilominus sacrosanctis dei evangeliis . . . . corporali juramento se astrinxerunt et realiter juraverunt in presencia dictorum Prioris Abbatis Dauid Archidiaconi Bernardi Radulphi et notariorum predictorum et aliorum plurimorum &c. &c. Sealed with the seals (fragments of them remaining) of the Bishop aforesaid William of Wykeham and the chapter of Winchester.

26 May, 42 Edward III. Deed of gift for ever of certain lands and tenements &c. within the liberty of the town of Suthampton, by Bartholomew Denys, Henry Goteberd and Nicholas Tanner, executors of the will of Christina formerly the wife of Nicholas Moundebird, to Roger Mascal; a yearly rent of six marks being reserved to the said Bartholomew Denys during his life.

— 43 Edward III. Deed of gift for ever of two "celaria cum solariis" in Bole Street in the town of Suthampton, by Thomas Chapelyn citizen of New Sarum, to Robert Bechefont of Suthampton burgess.

6 February, 43 Edward III. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to an annual rent, by John London the younger of Hardebrugge and his wife Agnes, to William le Carpynter of the same town.

8 October, 46 Edward III. Deed of gift for ever of a piece of garden in the town of Suthampton by John Barflett to John atte Bere of the said town burgess.

25 March, 46 Edward III. Deed of grant in fee-farm of a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by John le Clerk the elder of the said town burgess to William Walderne citizen of London.

— 46 Edward III. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to all actions &c., by Henry Cantebrigge, citizen and merchant of London, to his late servant William Raueneston.

— 47 Edward III. Deed of gift for ever, by the Mayor and community of the town of Suthampton to the Friars Minors of the said town, of a certain house which the said Friars have lately built for the defence of the said town.

— 47 Edward III. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to all actions &c., by Simon Clerk of Lymington merchant to Thomas le Gust of Suthampton merchant.

20 September, 48 Edward III. Deed of the grant, for life in survivorship, of a messuage in English Street in the town of Suthampton, to Roger Mascal and his wife Felicia, by John Polymound.

6 October, 48 Edward III. Deed of gift for ever of a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Walter Lange of the said town and his wife Joan, to William Bacon burgess of the said town and to the grantor's uncle, Thomas Lange.

18 October, 49 Edward III. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to certain tenements and shops &c., within the liberty of the town of Suthampton, by William Malmeshull, son of William Malmeshull, of the said town burgess, to his said father.

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— 49 Edward III. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to certain tenements and shops in the town of Suthampton, by William Fysmark to his brother John Fysmark.

12 April, 51 Edward III. Indenture of an agreement, made between Nicholas Sherewynd and John Polymound, burgesses of Suthampton: Having reference to the grant and conveyance of a tenement in English Street in the said town by the said Nicholas to the said John; and also having reference to two writings of Statute Merchant, by which the said Nicholas is bound in 120*l.* to Stephen Haym and Nicholas le Taillour of New Sarum citizens, and in 20 marks to William Shyringham of London.

— Edward III. Deed of Conveyance of a Capital Tenement in French Street in the town of Suthampton, by John le Long, son and heir of Henry le Long formerly of the said town burgess, to Hugh Sampson burgess of the same town.

— Edward III. Acknowledgment by Lucy, daughter and heir of Richard Comyn formerly burgess of Suthampton, of the payment in full made to her for a tenement in the said town, sold by her to Nicholas Langestoke burgess of the same town and his wife Cristina.

— Edward III. Deed of gift for ever of a "celarium cum duabus petrinis" in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Lucy Fortyn, formerly wife of the late Robert de Bareflut, to her daughter Rosia.

— Edward III. (?). Deed of gift for ever of a tenement in Symenlestrete in the town of Suthampton, by Nicholas le Ride de Weston and his wife Margery, to John Wadhorn of Suthampton.

— Edward III. (?). Deed of gift for ever of a "celarium cum duabus petrinis, &c." in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Theobald le Walsman and his wife Rosia to Nicholas de Moundenard of the said town burgess.

— Richard II. Indenture of concession that should Nicholas Sherwynd of Suthampton burgess pay the sum of 63*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to Roger Mascal and John Pembrok rector of St. John's church in the said town, or to either of them, at or before the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle next to come, the deed, whereby the said Nicholas has given to the same Roger and John a certain tenement with a curtilage in English Street in Suthampton, shall be void.

1 April, 2 Richard II. Deed of gift for ever of a tenement with appurtenances in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Roger Mascal of the said town burgess and John Pembrok parson of St. John's church in the same town, to John Flete and John Swofham of the said town burgesses.

19 February, 2 Richard II. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to all causes of action, &c., by Nicholas Sherwynd to Walter Lange of the town of Suthampton burgess and to his wife Joan, executrix of the testament of Thomas Gust.

8 June, 2 Richard II. Grant in fee-farm of a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by John Barflet of the said town burgess to John Atte Bere burgess of the same town.

25 November, 2 Richard II. Deed of Grant in fee-farm of a tenement with a curtilage in Estrete in the town of Suthampton by William Malmeshull the Mayor and by the Community of the said town to John Dounton weaver.

7 July, 3 Richard II. Deed of gift of a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by William Bacon junior burgess of the said town and Thomas Lange of Weymouth, to Walter Lange of Suthampton and his wife Joan.

5 October, 3 Richard II. Deed of gift for ever of a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Roger Mascal of the said town burgess and his wife Felicia to John Clerot of Lymyngton.

6 October, 3 Richard II. Letters of attorney, for livery of seisin, by John Clerot of Lymington to Nicholas Chapman and Thomas Baw of the town of Suthampton burgesses.

14 June, 3 Richard II. Deed of gift for ever of a piece of vacant ground in English Street in the town of Suthampton, together with a rent from two shops, &c., by John atte Bere of Suthampton burgess to Roger Mascal of the same town.

16 June, 3 Richard II. Bond of John atte Bere of the town of Suthampton merchant for the payment of 80*l.* to Roger Mascal.

17 June, 3 Richard II. Condition of the bond of John atte Bere of Suthampton for the payment of 80*l.* to Roger Mascal of the same town.

— 3 Richard II. Bond of Roger Mascal of the town of Suthampton burgess for the payment of seventy pounds to John le Clerot of Lemyngton.

— 3 Richard II. Bond of Roger Mascal of Suthampton for the payment of 70*l.* to John le Clerke of Lemyngton.

— 3 Richard II. Deed of gift for ever of a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by John Flete and John Swafham of the said town burgesses, to Roger Mascal burgess of the same town and his wife Felicia.

6 March, 4 Richard II. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to lands and tenements &c. in the town of Suthampton, by Nicholas Chapman and two others to John-atte-Bere of Suthampton burgess.

1 February, 4 Richard II. Deed of gift for ever of all his lands and tenements &c. within the town of Suthampton and the suburbs thereof, by John-atte-Bere of the said town burgess to John Baillif of Lymyngton, Nicholas Chapman of Suthampton burgess and William Underleche of the last-named town chaplain.

6 July, 4 Richard II. Letters of Attorney, for livery of seisin, by John atte Bere of the town of Suthampton burgess to Thomas de Midlyngton.

4 July, 5 Richard II. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to a piece of vacant ground in English Street in the town of Suthampton, together with a certain rent, by Roger Mascal to John-atte-Bere of the said town burgess.

9 July, 5 Richard II. Deed of gift for ever of divers tenements, a piece of vacant ground and a rent in the town of Suthampton, by John atte Bere of the said town burgess to Robert Parker rector of the church of St. Lawrence of the said town and John Pembrok rector of the church of St. John of the same town and William Underleche chaplain.

20 October, 5 Richard II. Deed of gift for ever of a piece of vacant ground in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Thomas-atte-Grene of the town of Burdegal burgess to Roger Mascal burgess of Suthampton.

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20 January, 5 Richard II. Deed of grant in fee-farm, at a yearly rent of twenty-four shillings, of a piece of ground and a certain rent, by Robert Parker rector of the church of St. Lawrence and John Pembrok rector of the church of St. John in the town of Suthampton and William Underleche of the same town chaplain, to Sir Thomas Beuchamp, knt.

26 April, 6 Richard II. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to all lands and tenements &c. in the town of Suthampton, formerly belonging to Nicholas atte More of the said town burgess deceased, by Edith atte Weye, executrix of the testament of the said Nicholas, to John Flete of the said town burgess.

22 May, 6 Richard II. Letters (French) of attorney, to receive money of Johan at Bere of Suthampton burgess and merchant, by Roger Mascall of the same town burgess and merchant, to Sir Thomas Beuchamp knt.

14 February, 7 Richard II. Deed of gift for ever of a piece of vacant ground in French Street in the town of Suthampton by Thomas Hoore esq. the King's serjeant-at-arms, to John Polymound of the said town burgess.

9 January, 8 Richard II. Deed of gift for ever of certain lands and tenements in the liberty of the town of Suthampton by John atte Bere of the said town burgess to Sir Thomas Beauchamp knt.

31 January, 8 Richard II. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to all actions &c., by Robert Felde of London merchant to William Raueneston of Suthampton merchant.

25 April, 8 Richard II. Deed of grant in fee-farm of a piece of vacant ground in the street called "Fysschepyng" in the town of Southampton, by William Malmeshull to Roger Claidon of the said town burgess.

18 September, 9 Richard II. Letters of Attorney, for livery of seisin, by John atte Bere of Suthampton burgess, to Sir Thomas Beauchamp knt.

28 February, 10 Richard II. Deed of release, in respect to all actions, &c., by Richard Hewet of Heanslape draper and William Smeth of Castelthorp, to William Newey late of Raueneston and now of Suthampton.

8 January, 11 Richard II. Deed of gift and conveyance for ever of a tenement in Suthampton called "le Runsival" by John Bechefont, William Tuderlegh and William Weston, to Robert Bechefont of Sarum citizen.

20 June, 11 Richard II. Deed of gift and conveyance for ever of a tenement in the parish of St. Michael in the town of Suthampton, called "Le Ronceval" by Robert Bechefont of the said town burgess to John Syward, John Frome and Thomas Huse.

18 March, 12 Richard II. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to all causes of action &c., by Joan Vont to William Raueneston of the town of Suthampton burgess.

— March, 13 Richard II. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to all causes of action &c, by Henry Cantebrigge citizen of London to William Raueneston of Suthampton.

—14 Richard II. Lease (French) for an entire year of the customs of their town (by land as well as by water), by the Mayor and community of the town of Southampton to Thomas Appelby merchant of the same town.

— 15 Richard II. Lease by Robert Tanner of the town of Suthampton burgess and his wife Alice, to Walter Reygate of the same town burgess and his wife Juliana, of lands and tenements &c., in the said town, for the term of the life of the said Alice.

28 February, 15 Richard II. Deed of gift for ever of a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Thomas de Midlyngton, John Skarlet and Thomas Bau of the said town burgesses, to Geoffrey Waldern of London citizen.

2 March, 15 Richard II. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Richard Godfrey of the said town burgess, to Geoffrey Waldern of London citizen.

5 March, 15 Richard II. Acknowledgment of Richard Godfray of the town of Suthampton mercer of the payment of 40*l.* by Geoffrey Walderne of London citizen and mercer.

— 16 Richard II. Deed of grant for life, in survivorship, by John Polymound of the town of Suthampton burgess, of a tenement in English Street in the said town, to Geoffrey Veel of the same town, his wife Margery, and their sons Thomas and John.

21 November, 16 Richard II. Deed of sale and conveyance of a messuage in the town of Suthampton, by William Malmeshulle of the said town burgess, to Walter Reigate and John Botiller burgesses of the same town; power being reserved to the said William to redeem the said messuage by paying the said Walter and his wife Alice sixteen marks on or before a certain day.

22 January, 16 Richard II. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to a tenement with two vaults in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Richard Holle of Westcosham to Nicholas Langestoke of Suthampton burgess.

27 May, 17 Richard II. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to two tenements in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by William Brugges and Gilbert Herry of the said town chaplains and Thomas Bromle and Thomas Briklyngseie burgesses of the same town, to John Deryng of the same town burgess.

5 March, 17 Richard II. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to all causes of action &c., by Robert Wariner, Master of a ship called "la Cristofre of Yepiswiche," to Robert Pole and William Waryn, merchants of New Sarum.

7 August, 18 Richard II. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to all causes of action &c., by Walter Lange of the town of Suthampton burgess to William Nicoll of the same town.

24 May, 19 Richard II. Deed of gift for ever of a tenement with appurtenances in the High Street of Suthampton ("in summo vico") by John Clerk of Lemyngton to John Bolt, Thomas Emmori, John Garston and Robert Notyere.

— 19 Richard II. Acknowledgment (French) by Margaret widow of the late John Slegh and executrix of his will, that she has received 12*l.* of William Rauenston of the town of Suthampton.

24 May, 19 Richard II. Letters of Attorney, for livery of seisin, by John Clerk of Lemyngton to Thomas Marleburgh and William Rauenestón of the town of Suthampton.

1 February, 19 Richard II. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to all actions &c., by John-atte-Well to William Raueneston of the town of Suthampton burgess.

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1 October, 20 Richard II. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to a "celarium cum petrina et placea terre" in the town of Suthampton, by William Brugis and Gilbert Harry chaplains to William Nicholl and his wife Elena.

20 October, 20 Richard II. Deed of gift for ever of a "celarium cum petrina suprasita et placea terre vacue" in the town of Suthampton, by Thomas Midlyngton and Alexander Dey (executors of the testament of John Polymond deceased), to William Nicholl and his wife Elena.

6 May, 20 Richard II. Indenture of Apprenticeship whereby William Lange, son of Adam Lange of Emmesworthe, co. Suthampton, bound himself as an apprentice for six yeers to John Lange of the town of Suthampton cordwaner.

— 20 Richard II. Indenture of a Final Concord made between John the Prior and convent of St. Denis near Suthampton of the one part, and William Maple and the community of the town of Suthampton of the other part. Whereby it was agreed amongst other things that the tenants of the said Prior and Convent "apud villatam de Porteswoda commoraturi facient sectas suas semel vel bis annuatim ad visus franc' pleg' tenendos per Maiorem et ballivos ville predicte vel successores suos apud le Cutthorn vel alibi," all amerciaments, fines, forfeitures &c. arising thereat from the said tenants being divided between the two parties to the present agreement, in the proportion of two-thirds thereof to the Mayor and Convent and the remaining one-third thereof to the said Mayor bailiffs and community; and that towards all fifteenths raised within the same town and its liberties, the said Prior and Convent shall be contributories thereto with the said Mayor and community, contributing (for the rent held by them, the said Prior and Convent in the said town, and for their said tenants at Porteswode) "ad quamlibet quintam decimam viginti sex solidos et octo denarios sterlingorum, ad mediam vero quintam-decimam tresdecim solidos et quatuor denarios sterlingorum;" and further that the said Prior and Convent shall not exact aught from the same Mayor and community &c. "nomine pro quodam annuali redditu quadraginta solidorum et quatuor denariorum unde triginta duos solidos et duos denarios pro lepriosis ville Suthampton et octo solidos et duos denarios sterlingorum in terra de Suthwykes juxta Porteswodam &c."

20 May, 20 Richard II. Bond of Sir Ralph Whitehors knt. of the county of Surrey for the payment of forty shillings sterling to Richard Llyderowe esquire.

— 21 Richard II. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Joan, widow of John-atte-Bere deceased, to Walter Lange of the said town burgess.

— 21 Richard II. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Nicholas Chapman of the said town burgess to Walter Lange and Joan his wife.

20 October, 21 Richard II. Letters of attorney, for livery of seisin, by John Bolt, Thomas Emory, John Garston and Robert Notyere to John Pengeston.

31 October, 21 Richard II. Deed of gift for ever of a tenement in the High Street (in summo vico) of the town of Suthampton, by John Bolt, Thomas Emory, John Garston and Robert Notyere, to Walter Lange of Suthampton and his wife Joan.

27 November, 21 Richard II. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to lands and tenements in the town of Suthampton, by Lucy, widow of John Clerk of Lemyngton deceased, to Walter Lange of Suthampton burgess.

10 September, 23 Richard II. Deed of gift for ever of lands and tenements in the town of Suthampton, by John Towy of the said town, to John Barflet of the same town burgess.

— 23 Richard II. Letters of attorney, for livery of seisin, by Thomas Spicer of Southampton to John Hampton and Thomas Hele.

— 23 Richard II. Deed of gift for ever of a tenement in the town of Suthampton by Thomas Spicer of the said town to Thomas Couentre.

23 March, 2 Henry IV. Deed of gift for ever of two tenements in English Street in the town of Suthampton by Philipp Fritewell chaplain to John Deryng of the said town burgess.

30 March, 2 Henry IV. Deed of gift for ever of two contiguous tenements in English Street in the town of Suthampton by Walter Lude rector of the church of St. Michael in the said town to John Boteller burgess of the same town.

10 May, 2 Henry IV. Indenture of a curious agreement (by way of a marriage settlement), made between William Lelham "dominum de Grove" and his wife Cecilia of the one part, and John Benet of Oxford cook of the other part, in anticipation of the marriage of William Lelham (son and heir of the aforesaid William) with Juliana, daughter of the said John Benet.—Witnessing (1) That William Lelham the son will take for his wife the said Juliana, with whom the said John will deliver to the said William Lelham the father and to his wife Cecilia twenty marks of silver, forty shillings thereof to be paid in hand, and the remainder in sums of six shillings and eightpence each to be paid on the next ensuing feasts of St. Thomas the Apostle, the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary, the Nativity of John the Baptist and of St. Michael the Archangel, and so on year by year till the completion of the payment of the said twenty marks, it being provided that should the said William Lelham the son die within five years of the agreement the said John shall be under no obligation to pay another instalment of 6*s*. 8*d*., but shall on the contrary be repaid by the said William the father and his wife Cecilia all moneys rendered by him (the said John) towards the payment of the said twenty marks; (2) That the said John Benet will enfeoff the said William Lelham the younger and his wife Juliana in three several tenements lying in Oxford, to hold the same to them and their heirs, the lawful issue of the contemplated marriage, under conditions hereafter set forth; it being provided that, in case Juliana should die without issue, one of the tenements should remain to the said William the younger and his right heirs, the other two tenements reverting to the aforesaid John Benet his heirs and assigns; (3) That the said John for the eight years next following the date of the present indenture at his costs and charges shall entertain the said William the younger and Juliana and all children begotten between them, and provide them with all necessaries, receiving however during the same eight years the rents and profits of the said three tenements, towards the maintenance of the said William and Juliana and their children; and (4) that on the departure of the said William and Juliana with their children at the end of the said term of eight years from his house to a house of their own, the aforesaid John Bennet cook will provide them with one bed provided with blankets, sheets and all other furniture needful for the same bed, one vessel for water with a wine-vase, two table cloths with

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two towels (ij mappas cum ij tuall) twelve silver spoons, two cups, two brass pots, one 'chawfre,' four plates, one dozen of vessels for garnishing the supper, two salts, and two candlesticks.

— 3 to 4 Henry IV. Bill (French) of Costs and Charges, headed "Ceux sount lez expensez faictz par John' Meyr par dyversez temps entour lez pleez et bosoignez de Geffr' Gatton, Isold sa femme et John' Horder et William Horder et le dit John Meyr lan du regne von Henry le iiij^{e} iij et le quart."

— 3 Henry IV. Acknowledgment of William Parkens of London citizen and mercer, that he has received 6*l.* of William Raueneston of Suthampton.

3 July, 3 Henry IV. Acknowledgment of Henry Hyndelay that he has received 50 marks of William Rauyneston.

— 3 Henry IV. Lease for ten years of a messuage in the High Street of the town of Suthampton, by Joan Tylby widow to John Jamys of the said town merchant.

7 January, 4 Henry 4. Deed of release and quit-claim, in respect to all causes of action &c., by John Coombe the younger of London clerk to John Therne of the same city goldsmith.

6 February, 4 Henry IV. Letters Certificatory touching the Beam of the Wools in the port of Suthampton by "Alexander Dey executor testamenti Johannis Polymound et nuper clericus ejusdem Johannis et Willelmus Rosyng nuper deputatus Roberti Lyncoln nuper Custodis Trabis lanarum in portu ville Suthampton."

— 4 Henry IV. Lease for twenty years, at a yearly rent of a red rose, of a tower over the Watyrgate of the town of Suthampton and of another tower contiguous thereto, by Thomas Midlyngton mayor and the community of the said town to William Raueneston.

4 October, 5 Henry IV. Deed of release and quit-claim, in respect to a tenement in Bovebarrestret in the town of Suthampton, by Amice Malmeshull widow to Walter Lange of the said town burgess.

14 March, 5 Henry IV. Deed of release and quit-claim, in respect to a certain yearly rent of 8*s.*, by Amice widow of the late William Malmeshull to Walter Lange burgess of Suthampton.

4 June, 5 Henry IV. Acknowledgment of Henry Popham esq. that he has received of Richard Bradewey, Steward of the town of Suthampton, 8*l.* 13*s.* 3*d.* "pro medietate subsidii."

19 June, 5 Henry IV. Acknowledgment of John Pegest of Cornwall, that he is indebted and bound in the sum of 12*l.* to John Therne goldsmith, John Talkarne tailor, and John Sutton hosier, all three of London.

16 September, 5 Henry IV. Letters of Exemplification under the Mayoral seal of the town of Bristol, of a certain writing under the seal of the town of Suthampton, fixing the tolls and customs, to be paid by men of Bristol on merchandize brought by them into Suthampton.

28 April, 6 Henry IV. Acknowledgment (French) of Henry Popham that he has received 10*l.* from Thomas Appleby, in part payment of twenty marks.

1 June, 6 Henry IV. Bond of Margaret Alond of Suthwerk for the payment of 26 shillings and 8 pence to John Therne of London, citizen and goldsmith.

—, 6 Henry IV. Deed of sale and conveyance of "duo celaria cum una petrina" in the town of Suthampton, by Alexander Dey of the said town burgess, to William Nicoll burgess of the same town.

8 June, 6 Henry IV. Lease for twenty years of a messuage &c. in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by John Barflete to Adam Merrish.

3 March, 7 Henry IV. Bond of Thomas Couentre for the payment of ten marks to William Rauenston and his wife Alice.

4 March, 7 Henry IV. Deed of gift for ever of a tenement in Suthampton by Thomas Couentre of Oxford to William Rauenston and his wife Alice.

5 March, 7 Henry IV. Indented memorandum of the delivery of divers charters and other muniments by Thomas Couentre and John Spicer, to William Rauenston and his wife Alice.

— 7 Henry IV. Licence to the Mayor and Community of Suthampton, to buy and sell within their town during the fairs of St. Giles (super montem sancti Egidii juxta Wyntoniam), granted by Richard Wyot (Steward of the lord Henry Beaufort bishop of Winchester, and Justiciar of the same bishop's pavilion on the hill of St. Giles of Winchester) and Simon Membury, Treasurer of the same bishop's palace of Wolveseye.

— 8 Henry IV. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to a rent of 4*s.* to be had yearly of a tenement in the suburb of Suthampton, called "Abovebarestret," by Benedict Flemyng of the said town burgess and John son of the said Benedict, to Michael Goos and his wife Isabella.

24 May, 8 Henry IV. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Gilbert Herry to William Rauenston and his wife Alice.

— 10 Henry IV. Letters of Attorney dated by Roger Randolf to Richard Stydulf.

10 October, 11 Henry IV. Indenture of an agreement between Thomas Godynton *alias* Gotton of the Isle of Wight and Margaret Tanks widow, for the satisfaction of the said Margaret in respect to the said Thomas's bond for the payment of 100*l.* to the same Margaret.

20 September, 11 Henry IV. Deed of grant for life in survivorship, of a tenement in French Street in the town of Suthampton, by John Beneyt the Mayor and the community of the said town, to Thomas Patryche of the same town "bowyar" and his wife Cristina.

20 September, 11 Henry IV. Deed of gift for ever of a tenement and a piece of land in the town of Suthampton, by Thomas Chamberlain clerk to William Rauenston of the said town and his wife Alice.

9 July, 11 Henry IV. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to all causes of action, &c., by Anabil Sopply of Tychefeld to William Raueneston of the town of Suthampton burgess.

— 11 Henry IV. Bond of John de Nobyll of Florence for the payment of 40*s.* to William Kyngesmyll of London, citizen.

3 October, 12 Henry IV. Acknowledgment of Thomas Marleburgh, executor of the testament of Alexander Dey of Suthampton, burgess, that he has received of John Dygill and his wife Agnes 33 shillings and 4*d.* in part payment of a yearly rent of ten marks.

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11 October, 12 Henry IV. Deed of gift for ever of a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by William Raueneston of the said town burgess and his wife Alice, to Henry Somer, Mark le Fayre, citizens of Winchester, and Henry Holewey, Thomas Armorer, burgesses of Suthampton, Richard Wollopp and Richard Spencer of New Sarum, William Picard citizen of London, and Gilbert Thurlbern, clerk.

12 October, 12 Henry IV. Deed of gift for ever of a tenement and "petrina cum selario" in the town of Suthampton, by Thomas Marleburgh of the said town and William Rede of Bottelee, to William Nicholl of Suthampton, burgess.

20 October, 12 Henry IV. Letters of Attorney, for livery of seisin, by William Rede of Bottele to Thomas Marleburgh of Suthampton.

20 November, 12 Henry IV. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to a tenement in French Street in the town of Suthampton, by Thomas Marleburgh of the same town burgess and William Rede of Bottelee, to William Nicoll burgess of the same town.

8 February, 12 Henry IV. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect of all causes of action &c., by John Coombe clerk to John Therne of London, citizen and goldsmith.

— 12 Henry IV. Deed of gift for ever, of all his goods and chattels, by John Therne of London citizen, to John Garton, Esq. and Richard Felmonger of Southwerk.

— 12 Henry IV. Grant (French) of pardon of a trespass in respect to a pipe of wine by Thomas Beaufort, Admiral of England and Ireland and Captain of the "Chastell de Calais," to William Berman of Crofton. Dated from London.

5 June, 13 Henry IV. Acknowledgment of Thomas Marlburgh, executor of the testament of Alexander Dey late of Suthampton, deceased, that he has received 33*s.* 4*d.* of Michael Gos and his wife Isabella.

27 September, 13 Henry IV. Deed of gift for ever of a piece of land in French Street in the town of Suthampton, by John Selder to William Nicoll of the said town, burgess.

21 October, 13 Henry IV. Deed of gift for ever of a tenement with appurtenances in Suthampton, by John Mundy to John Mascall of the said town burgess.

30 October, 13 Henry IV. Acknowledgment of Thomas Leyntwardyn clerk, that he has received 100 shillings of John Nylewyn.

— 13 Henry IV. Acknowledgment of Methem Goos of the town of Suthampton burgess, that he has received 33*s.* 4*d.* from John Dygill of the same town.

27 November, 13 Henry IV. Charter-party, made and sealed by William Nycoll and Wylliam Soper of Southampton, merchants, and Geffroy de Fonille, Master of the vessel "le Vessel de *Saynt Gabriell* de Vimers de Hirell en Bretaigne."

10 March, 13 Henry IV. Bond of John Wulf of the town of Suthampton, burgess, for the payment of 10*l.* to James Seye, citizen and merchant of New Sarum.

30 March, 1 Henry V. Letters of Exemplification, under the official seal of Henry Holewey, mayor of the town of Suthampton, of the Letters of Free Passage and Safe Conduct, for an entire year, dated

31 August, 13 Henry IV., by Thomas Earl of Dorset and Admiral of England and Ireland, for Oublet Burgus of Harfleu in Normandy, prisoner of Thomas Codeworth of Weymouth, at whose request are granted the said letters of Free Passage and Safe Conduct, which empower the said Oublet Burgus to cross the seas from whatever port he may choose, in the execution of his own affairs, and within the said year to return either in person or by attorney, in a vessel of 40 tons burden, manned with seven seamen and freighted with merchandise of his own selection, and to dispose of the same freight for his own profit and advantage.

25 November, 1 Henry V. Bond of John Shopper of New Sarum mercer, for the payment of 5 marks 3 shillings and 4 pence to Clarice Pecock of Southwerk.

— 1 Henry V. Lease for ten years, of a piece of vacant ground in Bole Street in the town of Suthampton, by the Mayor and community of the said town to Walter Fetplace of the same town burgess.

6 January, 3 Henry V. Deed of gift for ever, of lands and tenements &c. in the town of Suthampton, by John Barnabe of New Sarum to his son John Barnabe.

7 April, 5 Henry V. Letters of Attorney, for livery of seisin, by Richarde de Towne to Thomas Belle and Benedict Wychford.

27 April, 5 Henry V. Deed of gift for ever, of the moiety of a tenement with appurtenances in the town of Suthampton, by Robert de Bercroft and his wife of Joan, to William Nycoll of the said town burgess.

15 May, 5 Henry V. Deed of gift for ever, of the half of a certain tenement with the whole of a certain vault in the town of Suthampton, by William Nycoll of the said town burgess and Richard de Towne, to Robert de Bercroft and his wife Joan.

15 May, 5 Henry V. Letters of Attorney, for livery of seisin, by Richard de Towne to Thomas Belle and Benedict Wichford.

17 January, 5 Henry V. Deed of gift for ever, of certain tenements in the town of Suthampton, by Robert Hayne, Henry Swanlond, Thomas Selby, William Breeme and Thomas Cosyns, to Adam Merreysh of the said town burgess and his wife Joan.

28 April, 6 Henry V. Letters of attorney, for livery of seisin, by Thomas, Duke of Exeter, &c., to Thomas Soper of Suthampton burgess and Thomas Clere.

28 April, 6 Henry V. Deed of gift and conveyance by Thomas, Duke of Exeter &c., of certain lands and tenements &c. in the town of Suthampton, which came to His Grace of the gift and feoffment of Thomas Apulby late of the said town burgess, to Roger Whelpedale, Philip Caxton, Richard Barbour, William Rotheram and Thomas Frelond; To hold during the life of the wife of John Pole of the said town burgess.

7 May, 6 Henry V. Acknowledgment by Thomas Andrew of Herwych co. Essex, merchant, that he has received 10*l.* of William Nicoll burgess and merchant of the town of Suthampton.

28 June, 6 Henry V. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to all causes of action &c. by John Dunster, formerly servant of William Rauenston of the town of Suthampton burgess, to Alice (widow of the said William) and William Rownhale clerk, executors of the testament of the said William Rauenston.

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3 October, 8 Henry V. Copy of a Deed of grant for ever, by John Horewode, Warden of the Friars Minors of the town of Suthampton, and by the convent of the said Friars Minors, of their rights in their Conduit, Conduit-Head and Pipes, to the Mayor and Community of the said town.—A translation into English of this Latin deed (which was dated on 3 October, 8 Henry V) may be found in Speed's MS. "History of Southampton."

1 August, 9 Henry V. Deed of gift for ever, of a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Joan formerly the wife of William Webbe deceased, to her son Henry Cayme.

1 August, 9 Henry V. Letters of Attorney, for livery of seisin, by Joan, formerly the wife of William Webbe of Bronmore, to Thomas Frelond of the town of Suthampton burgess and John Fraunceys of the same town.

4 August, 9 Henry V. Deed of gift for ever, of a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Henry Cayme of Fordyngbrygge to John Sampson of Suthampton burgess.

— — (15th century). Letters of Attorney (sealed with the seal of the alderman of the guild of St. George of Northampton) by Thomas Saxby of Northampton merchant, to Christopher Ambrose and John Warde merchants of the town of Sothampton; empowering the said Christopher and John to demand and recover from Lewse Spenell and Antone Stapherson merchants of Jene the sum of 60*l.* due from the said Genoese merchants to the said Thomas Saxby. No date.

— 1 Henry VI. Letters of Attorney, for livery of seisin, by Robert Bercroft to Nicholas Banastre.

— 1 Henry VI. Deed of gift for ever, of the moiety of a tenement in the town of Suthampton, by Robert de Bercroft to William Nicoll of the town of Suthampton and his wife Alice.

— 1 Henry VI. Deed of gift for ever, of lands and tenements in the town and liberty of the town of Suthampton, by John Barnabe of the city of London, to Robert Malton clerk, John Boteler, Giles Thorndon, Philip Boteler, Alexander Anne, John Pydmylle and John Flemyng.

20 October, 1 Henry VI. Deed of gift for ever by John Pole Esq. of the town of Suthampton burgess to Thomas Darlyng Esq., one of the king's serjeants-at-arms, and to Joan Hanes daughter of John Hanes late of Wynchestre gentleman, of all lands and tenements &c., in the town of Suthampton, formerly pertaining to Thomas Apulby of the said town burgess, which lands and tenements, &c., he (the said John Pole) had of the grant of Thomas late Duke of Exeter, Earl of Dorset and Admiral of England.

20 October, 1 Henry VI. Deed of release and quit-claim, by John Pole Esq. of the town of Suthampton burgess, to John Darlyng Esq. one of the king's serjeants-at-arms and to Joan daughter of John Hanes late of Wychestre gentleman, in respect to lands and tenements &c. lately belonging in the town of Suthampton and elsewhere to Thomas Appulby of the said town burgess, which lands and tenements &c. the said John Pole had of the gift of Thomas late Duke of Exeter.

12 November, 1 Henry VI. The Indenture, bearing the seal of Joan Queen of England, of the agreement made between the said queen of the one part, and William Nichole mayor and the community of Suthampton of the other part, whereby in consideration of a yearly payment of four marks, which the said Mayor and community covenant

to pay her yearly during the term of her life, Her Majesty grants to the said Mayor and community and their successors for the term of her life, that they may by their attorneys for that purpose duly appointed claim and collect and keep and put to their own use all goods and chattels &c. accruing to her said Majesty within the town of Suthampton and the precinct and liberty thereof, "virtute literarum patencium per dominum Henricum nuper Regem Anglie quartum eidem Regine confectarum." Dated at Westminster.

— 3 Henry VI. Deed of gift and conveyance for ever, of a tenement with appurtenances in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by William Reynold citizen and vintner of London, to Peter Jamys of Suthampton burgess and his wife Joan.

20 October, 4 Henry VI. Acknowledgment of John Foxholes (Clerk of the Treasury and Receiver-General of Joan Queen of England) that he has received of the Mayor and Community of the town of Southampton 60*l.*, in part payment of the greater sum of the fee-farm of their town.

11 December, 4 Henry VI. Similar acknowledgment by James Foxholes, that he has received 14*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* in part payment of the fee-farm of the town of Southampton.

26 August, 5 Henry VI. Bond of Robert Bacon of the town of Shypdene, Master of the Crayere called *Le Peter de Crawmere* and Simon Rowland, Master of the Crayere called *La Elene de Shyllynghamhythe*, for the payment of twenty marks to John Wodeford, Steward of the town of Suthampton.

18 June, 6 Henry VI. Deed of gift by William Sedlyng of Southfarham co. Southampton, of his burgage with appurtenances in Southfarham and all his goods and chattels &c., to John Pole of Suthampton esq. Also attached to this instrument, the Letters of Attorney, for livery of seisin to the said John Pole, by the said William Sedlyng to John Bussh, John Leuerton and William Mounde.

2 April, 6 Henry VI. Deed of gift and conveyance for ever, of his lands and tenements &c. in the town and parish of Southstonham co. Southampton, by William Nicoll of the town of Suthampton burgess to Peter Osmond and William Ravenestone clerks, and Robert Ovyngham of the last-named town burgess, and John Sues "de Hille juxta Suthampton."

12 February, 6 Henry VI. Deed of sale and conveyance for ever, of a tenement in English Street and four cottages in French Street in the town of Suthampton, by Alice, widow and executrix of the testament of the late John Sampson, to Thomas Godyton of the Isle of Wight gentleman.

20 March, 6 Henry VI. Deed of conveyance, of messuages and lands &c. within the liberty of the town of Suthampton, by Roger Hosewyff to William Chamberleyn and Ralph Chamberleyn.

26 April, 6 Henry VI. Deed of gift for ever, of all his messuages and tofts &c. in the town and liberty of the town of Suthampton, by William Nicoll of the said town burgess to John Sues "de Hille juxta Suthampton," Richard Stonhard of Fowy co. Cornwall, and William Rede of Lostithiel in the same county.

19 April, 6 Henry VI. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to certain messuages, cottages and crofts &c. in the town of Suth-

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hampton and the liberty thereof, by Sir Henry Plesyngton knt. (cousin and heir of Sir Robert Plesyngton knt.) to William Chamberleyn of the said town.

—, 6 Henry VI. Indented memorandum of divers goods and chattels on his manor of Warneford, sold by Thomas Ponyngges lord of St. John to William Nycoll of Hampton merchant.

16 December, 6 Henry VI. Bond of Alice, widow of John Sampson formerly burgess of Suthampton, for payment of 40*l.* to Thomas Godyton of the Isle of Wight.

1 April, 7 Henry VI. Deed of release and quitclaim by John Penkeston to Agnes Langstoke.

16 June, 7 Henry VI. Deed of conveyance of divers lands and tenements &c., formerly belonging to Thomas Appilby in the town of Suthampton, by Robert Longe esq., Peter Coudray esq., Robert Wayte and John Esmond the elder, to Peter Jamys, John Flemyng, Peter Osmond clerk and John Barton clerk, all of the town of Suthampton.

16 January, 9 Henry VI. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to a messuage in the High Street of Suthampton, by Ancelm Bennyng of Hatfeld-Bishops co. Hertford to John Crawle of Suthampton hosyer.

17 April, 9 Henry VI. Deed of gift for ever, of divers lands and tenements &c. in the town and parish of South Stonham co. Suthampton, by Peter Osmond clerk, William Reueneston clerk, Robert Honyngham of Suthampton burgess and John Sues of Hylle near the town of Suthampton, to William Nycoll of the said town burgess and Richard Knyght clerk.

— 9 Henry VI. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to certain shops, lands and tenements in the town of Suthampton, by William Belnayre to John Smyth vicar of the church of Froyle, Peter Osmond vicar of the church of St. Cross in the town of Suthampton, Matilda widow of Thomas Armorer, John Fayrle, Richard Turnant, John Draper, John Huse chaplain, Benedict Wycheford, John North draper, Richard Baudewyn and the executors of William Newe.

17 April, 9 Henry VI. Letters of Attorney, for livery of seisin, by Peter Osmond clerk to John Compton of Suthampton.

26 May, 9 Henry VI. Deed of gift for ever, of a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by John Crawle of the said town hosier to William Nicoll burgess and merchant of the same town.

9 June, 9 Henry VI. Deed of gift for ever of his reversionary interest in lands and tenements in the town of Suthampton and elsewhere in the county of Suthampton, by Ancelm Bennyng to John Pool esq. and William Malemeshulle cutler of Suthampton.

19 February, 11 Henry VI. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by John Pole esq. to William Nicholle of the said town merchant.

19 June, 11 Henry VI. Lease for one hundred years, at a yearly rent of a red rose, of the tower over their Water-gate and also of an adjacent tower, by the Mayor and community of the town of Suthampton to William Sopere, who is bound to keep in repair the same tower, which he has already repaired.

—, 13 Henry VI. Deed of grant in fee-farm, of a piece of vacant land called "Mersery Lane," in the town of Suthampton, by John Emery the Mayor and the community of the said town to John Hunt esq. of the same town and his wife Alice.

—, 14 Henry VI. Letters of Attorney, for livery of seisin, by John Barnabe of London and his wife Petronilla to Nicholas Banastre and Richard Hunte.

1 June, 14 Henry VI. Letters of Attorney, for livery of seisin, by John Boteler of London and Alexander Anne to John Flemyng.

1 June, 14 Henry VI. Deed of conveyance for ever, of certain lands and tenements in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by John Boteler citizen and clothworker of London, Alexander Anne and John Flemyng, to John Barnabe citizen and clothworker of London.

14 December, 15 Henry VI. Indenture of the agreement of John Chamberleyn of the town of Southampton burgess, to accept a certain yearly rent of 4*l.* for twenty-four years, in lieu of a single payment of 24*l.*, which Walter Fetplace of the same town burgess is bound to pay him next Michaelmas.

19 September, 17 Henry VI. Lease for one hundred and twenty years of the two towers, the one over and the other near the Water-Gate of the town of Suthampton, by the Mayor and community of the said town (at a yearly rent of a red rose) to William Sopere of the said town burgess. Also, the counterpart of the same lease.

5 April, 20 Henry VI. Letters of Attorney, by William Nycoll of the town of Suthampton burgess to Thomas Peri: To deliver seisin of lands and tenements, &c. in cos. Suthampton, Cornwall and Surrey to Walter Fetplace, William Stone and John Serteyn chaplain.

5 April, 20 Henry VI. Deed of gift and conveyance for ever, of all his lands, tenements and rents, &c. in cos. Southampton, Cornwall and Surrey, by William Nicoll of Suthampton burgess to Master Thomas Forest, Robert Ayleward, Walter Fetplace, William Stone and John Certeyn chaplain.

6 August, 20 Henry VI. Deed of conveyance for ever, of a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Master Thomas Forest, Robert Aylward and Walter Fetplace of the said town burgesses, William Stone esq. and John Serteyn chaplain, to William Johnyssons and his wife Katherine and the heirs of their bodies.

7 July, 21 Henry VI. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to all causes of action &c., by William Poole of Stokenesy and John Poole of the same place to John Duke of Somerset and Earl of Kendal, and to Thomas Vaghan, esquire.

11 June, 22 Henry VI. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Thomas Nycoll of the said town burgess and his wife Amice, to Joan formerly wife of Adam Merysshe and to Nicholas Holmehegge mayor and to the community of the said town.

8 May, 23 Henry VI. The award of Master William Prentyse (Doctor of Theology), Walter Fetplace (Mayor of the town of Suthampton), Robert Ayleward and William Blake, arbitrators; For the determination of controversy and strife between Thomas Whyte and Richard Thomas of the said town burgesses.

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—, 24 Henry VI. Letters of Attorney, for livery of seisin, by John Colpeys of the city of Winchester to John Burbrigge of the town of Suthampton.

—, 24 Henry VI. Deed of gift, of nine messuages &c. in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Robert Colpeys of Winchester, to Joan wife of Nicholas Holmehegge and formerly wife of William Marche, for the term of her life; With remainder &c. to &c.

13 April, 25 Henry VI. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to all causes of action &c., by Richard Rownde to the Mayor and bailiffs of the town of Suthampton, and to Richard Brydde, Keeper of the Gaol of the said town.

2 May, 28 Henry VI. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to all actions &c., by Arnold Claysson "Magistrum cujusdam Balyngere de Armouth in Selandia vocate le *Marie knyght*," John Van Devys, John vtten Haghe, Gerard Lowe and Peter Martynesson merchants of the same balyngere, to Thomas Payne merchant of Suthampton and owner of a balyngere called the *John of Suthampton* and Philip Trumpette, Master of the last-named balyngere.

9 February, 29 Henry VI. Letters of Attorney by William Pole and John Pole to John Gunas.

15 April, 29 Henry VI. Deed of gift and conveyance, of lands and tenements in the town of Suthampton and suburbs thereof, by William Pole and John Pole of Stokegnesy co. Somerset to John Gunas of Gloucester and his wife Joan, and to John Payne and Nicholas Holmehegge of Suthampton burgesses.

20 April, 29 Henry VI. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to lands and tenements &c. in the town of Suthampton and its suburbs, by William Pole and John Pole of Stokegnesy co. Somerset, to John Gunas of Gloucester and his wife Joan, and John Payne and Nicholas Holmehegge of Suthampton burgesses.

18 October, 30 Henry VI. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to a rent issuing from a messuage in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Thomas Ryngwode esq. to John Chamberleyn and his wife Joan.

5 December, 31 Henry VI. Coroner's Inquisition post-mortem, with verdict that the deceased John, servant of Isbrand Peterson berebrewer, came to his death by accidental drowning.

—, 31 Henry VI. Bond of John Hampton of Bromesgrove co. Worcester, for the payment of 6*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.* to Robert Belhous of the town of Suthampton merchant.

26 January, 34 Henry VI. Indenture of an agreement between the Mayor, Sheriffs, and community of the town of Coventre, of the one part, and the Mayor, Sheriff, and community of the town of Suthampton, of the other part. For the exemption of the members of each community from tolls within the bounds of the other community.

10 July, 34 Henry VI. Bond of John Estfelde and Walter Clerk of the town of Suthampton burgesses, for the payment of one hundred shillings to Peter South citizen and surgeon of London.

2 October, 34 Henry VI. Deed of assignment of all the remainder of his lease of the two watergate towers of the town of Suthampton, by William Soper to John Ingoldesbye "pro consilio suo mihi impenso."

18 January, 35 Henry VI. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to all causes of action, &c., and also in respect to a tenement in English

Street in the town of Suthampton, by Walter Bacyn and his wife to the Mayor, bailiffs and burgesses of Suthampton.

25 February, 35 Henry VI. Bond of Walter Bacyn for the payment of 10*l.* to John William the mayor of Suthampton and Robert Belhouse the elder of the same town.

16 October, 37 Henry VI. Acknowledgment of Thomas Luyt, that he has received his fee of 13*s.* 4*d.* of William Nedham, late sheriff of the county of the town of Suthampton.

28 September, 39 Henry VI. Indented certificate, that Richard Symond, Master of the Ship called *Le Gracedydee* has received 31*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.* of Richard Gryme, Mayor of the town of Suthampton.

10 August, 1 Edward IV. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to all causes of action &c., by Thomas Bayly to William Shoteswold.

28 September, 1 Edward IV. Indented certificate, that Robert Bagworth, Mayor of the town of Suthampton, has paid to Richard Symond, Master of the ship *Gracedywe* the sum of 68*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.*, for the victualling and safe custody of the said ship for one whole year.

18 January, 1 Edward IV. Deed of gift and conveyance for ever, of thirteen messuages &c. in the town of Suthampton, by Joan late the wife of Nicholas Holmehegge late burgess of the town of Suthampton, to John Holand, William Darset, William Blake, clerks, Michael Skyllyng, John William, John Doune, Simon Patrike, William Wever clerk, Andrew Arthur clerk, John Stokker, John Borughbrigge and John Moryce, in trust "ad implendam et observandam voluntatem et intencionem mei prefate Joanne eis in scriptis imposterum declarandam." Also, the counterpart of the same indenture.

20 January, 2 Edward IV. Deed of gift, for the term of her life, by Joan formerly wife of Adam Meresshe deceased, of four several messuages in the town of Suthampton, to John William, merchant, Robert Bageworth, Richard Gryme, John Dunne, John Walker, Gilbert Cornemonger, Simon Patrik and . . . . Spring "venerabilibus viris ville Suthampton," in trust to render her the rents and profits of the premises during her life. Also, the counterpart of the same deed.

1 April, 2 Edward IV. Certificate that John Dun, Mayor of the town of Suthampton, has paid 14*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.* to Richard Symond, Master of the ship called *Le Gracedewe* for the victualling and safe custody of the said ship from Michaelmas 1 Edward IV. to the 1st day of April in the 2nd year of the same king's reign.

6 May, 2 Edward IV. The writing of the Intention and Will for pious uses of Joan, widow of the late Nicholas Holmehegge, in respect to the thirteen messuages with appurtenances in the town of Suthampton, granted and conveyed by her to John Holand and eleven others by a deed dated 18 January 1 Edward IV., running in these words,— "Noveritis quod intencio et voluntas mei prefate Johanne de predictis messuagiis, &c., &c., est videlicet quod de undecim messuagiis predictorum tresdecim messuagiorum &c. quod si Maior burgenses et communitas ville Suthampton predicte amortizare et facere velint unam cantariam perpetuam de uno capellano idoneo annuatim celebraturo apud ecclesiam beate Marie juxta Suthampton predictam pro animabus mei prefate Johanne et predicti Nicholai nuper mariti mei ac animabus parentum et antecessorum meorum infra duos annos post mortem meam extunc proxime sequentes, Quod extunc volo post hujusmodi amortizacionem sic factam, quod Maior burgenses et communitas ville predicte habeant sibi et successoribus predictis predicta

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undecim messuagia cum voltis &c. ad inveniendum annuatim capellanum predictum et ad tenendum annuatim anniversarium meum et predicti Nicholai nuper mariti mei in uno die apud dictam ecclesiam beate Marie videlicet dando annuatim Andree Arthur modo capellano mei prefate Johanne decem marcas ad terminum vite sue, et post mortem ejusdem Andree dando alii capellano idoneo sic celebranti similiter decem marcas ac ad distribuendos annuatim dicto die Anniversarii viginti sex solidos et octo denarios videlicet Maiori ville predicte pro tempore existente tres solidos et quatuor denarios, et Senascallo ejusdem ville duos solidos, Et residuum inde ad distribuendum inter presbiteros clericos et pauperes ibidem, videlicet apud dictam ecclesiam beate Marie, Et quod predicti Maior burgenses et communitas et successores sui nichil capiant de exitibus et proficuis dictorum undecim messuagiorum cum pertinencüs quousque dicta amortizacio facta fuerit." In case the said Mayor and community should neglect to amortize for two years after her death, Joan Holmehegge says, "Extunc volo quod precentor dicte ecclesie beate Marie pro tempore existens habeat dicta undecim messuagia &c. sibi et successoribus suis si amortizacionem fecerit de uno capellano &c." In case the said precentor should neglect to do her will for two years, the donor to pious uses continues, "Extunc volo quod Custos domus dei ville predicte pro tempore existens habeat sibi et successoribus suis predicta undecim messuagia &c. &c. &c." for the accomplishment of her will; it being further ordered that, should the keeper of God's House be in like manner neglectful, the donor's will is to be carried into effect by the executors of her testament. After further provision for the fulfilment of her intention in respect to the aforesaid messuages, the donor to pious uses continues, "Et de duobus mesuagiis predictorum tresdecim messuagiorum residuis situatis &c. Voluntas et intencio mei prefate Johanne est quod predicta duo mesuagia cum pertinenciis vendantur per executores meos seu executores executorum meorum, Et quod pecunia inde perveniens disponatur et distribuatur per eosdem executores pro animabus mei prefate Johanne et dicti Nicholai nuper mariti mei ac animabus parentum antecessorum amicorum et omnium benefactorum meorum prout ipsi melius et uberius viderint et sciverint expedire."

—, 3 Edward IV. Acknowledgment of Thomas Luyt, that he has received 13*s.* 4*d.* of Thomas Walker, late sheriff of Southampton.

22 March, 5 Edward IV. Letters of attorney, for livery of seisin, by John Gonas of London weaver and Joan his wife, to Walter William and William Thomas.

22 March, 5 Edward IV. Deed of gift for ever, by John Gonas of London weaver and his wife Joan, to Walter Fetiplace, John William, John Donne, Guy Cornemonger and William Hekkele of Suthampton burgesses, of lands and tenements in the said town of Suthampton, formerly the property of John duke of Exeter, and afterwards of John Pole. Also, dated on 1 April in the same year, a deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to the same lands and tenements, by the said John Gonas and his wife.

13 September, 6 Edward IV. Lease for ninety-nine years, of two pieces of land in the town of Suthampton, by the Mayor (Gilbert Cornmonger) and the community of the said town to John Walker merchant of the same town.

8 January, 6 Edward IV. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to the thirteen tenements conveyed to trustees for the execution of Joan

Holmehegge's last will, by the Master, brethren and sisters of St. Julian's Hospital to the aforesaid trustees.

12 December, 8 Edward IV. Certificatory Letters, touching the petition made to the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of Suthampton by the tailors of the said town, and the consent of the same Mayor &c. to the said petition, whereby the tailors of Suthampton sought for the protection of their trade against the encroachments and competition of foreign tailors. After stating that heretofore their gains have been "wonte to rise of the strange people comynge into the poorte of the saied towne as in carryckes galleys shippes of Spayne, Portingall, Almayne, Flanders, Zelonde, and others in their vyages, ther beynge for their use to cutte their clothe by the handes of the taylors of the same town," John Renande (Roeffe Taylor) and the petitioners of the Craft of Tailors of Suthampton complain that to their injury "Nowe of late in dyvers carrickes galleyes and in shippes of strangers have come taylers of divers nacions and sondre in them by divers tymes the which tary and abyde within the carrickes galleyes and shippes within the same poorte &c."

10 January, 8 Edward IV. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Joan Tilby widow, William Saunderson, Esq., Oliver Sherd, and his wife Joan, to John James of the said town burgess.

31 August, 9 Edward IV. Lease for ninety-nine years, of certain vacant lands "apud le West Kay" and certain other adjacent lands, by Robert Bagworthe (the Mayor) and the whole community of the town of Suthampton to John William of the same town burgess.

20 January, 12 Edward IV. Bond of Thomas Dun grocer for the payment of 10*l.* to Nicholas Baker esquire, and David Restell yeoman.

16 September, 14 Edward IV. Bond of William Kerver citizen and merchant of London, Christofer Ambrose of the town of Suthampton merchant, Michael de Chyperell of Florence merchant, and Gabriel de Leorsy and Paul Theople of Venice merchants, for the payment of 40*l.* to Geoffrey Moumbray of Suthampton sheriff.

1 April, 16 Edward IV. Deed of gift for life, of a yearly rent of twenty shillings, by the Prior and Convent of St. Denis near Suthampton to Willian Gunter of the said town merchant.

1 May, 17 Edward IV. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to two Watergate Towers &c. in the town of Suthampton by John Ingoldesby to the Mayor bailiffs and community of the said town.

11 September, 17 Edward IV. Letters certificatory of the Grant of Powers and Privileges, made at their humble petition to the Cordwainers of the town of Suthampton by the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of the same town.

31 October, 18 Edward IV. Letters of attorney, for taking livery of seisin, by Robert Maudite, son and heir of Alice Maudite, to William Shoteswold and John Filder.

31 October, 18 Edward IV. Deed of Gift and conveyance for ever of divers lands and tenements &c. both within and without the parish of Suthstoneham co. Suthampton, by Robert Mawdyte (son and heir of Alice Mawdyte, daughter and heir of Oliver Nichol, who was brother of William Nicholl formerly of Suthampton Burgess) to John Ludlowe, John Walker, Richard Gryme, Walter Feteplace, Robert Bluet and Michael Luke.

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2 December, 18 Edward IV. Letters of Evidence, touching the testament of William Nycoll by John Ingler, mayor of Newe Saresbury: "To all trewe Christien people whiche these present lettres shall see or here redde John Ingler Mayre of the Cite of Newe Saresbury sendeth dewe recommendacion in our Lorde God everlasting, and forasmuche as that hit is nedefull and meritory to every trewe Christien Manne to bere wytnesse of trouthe so that Allway trouthe may be preferrid and every untrewe matier leyed apart To youre Universiteze grete sadnesses and Wysedomes be it knowen shewed and undrestonden That one Thomas Pyrie oure faithfull Brother a Cocitezene of the Cite aforeseid beyng with us a Manne of good name fame condicion openyon and of feithfull delyng honeste conversacion and governaunce the making herof personally apperyng before me the seid Mayre and other that is to sey William Roket marchaunt, William Shirwode, John Gamelyn mercers and William Wynne Notary Imperialle Cocitezeins of the foreseid Cite Within the seid Cite as in the Mansion and dwellyng place of me the seid Maire than and there the seame Thomas Pyrie of his owen fre wylle be fore us shewyng, and declaryng in maner and forme as herafter folowyth and ensueth, First that he was servaunt with one William Nycoll sumtyme Burges & Merchaunt of the Towne of Suthampton in the tyme of the decesse of the same William & longe tyme before, And that the said William beyng in his helth and good mynde then commaunded the same Thomas to bringe to hym into his parle in Suthampton clene papir & penne & Inke and bygynne to write the forme of the begynnyng of his testament the whiche the same Thomas so dide & ferthermore commaunded hym to write particuler legatis as well to Churches & Places of Religion as to private persones servauntes & other named by the same William and forth with after to write his devise of disposicion of the residue of his godes before not quethed equally to be departed betwix Julian his wyfe and Richard Thomas his kynnesman then beyng his factour & purser of his Shipp named the *Marie of Hampton* beyng in a bay viage, and that so doon he commaunded the seid Thomas to wryte his devise & disposicion of alle his landis and tenementes &c. that he att that day hadde within the Town and Suburb &c. of Southampton & ellis where within the Realme of Englonde & the landis & tenementes &c. he devised to be departed assone after his decesse as they godely myght in too parties by even porcions Whereof he devysed the one partie to the seid Julian his Wyfe to have to hir terme of her lyfe yeldyng therfore Rentis and Services dewe &c. And also beryng therof half of an annuell charge for a prestes wagis and of an anniversarie or obite in the parisshe churche of Holy Rodes in Southampton duryng her lyfe, and after her decesse the said half of landis & tenementes &c. shulde remayn to the seid Richarde and to the heires of his body lawfully begoten for ever yeldyng therfore rentes & service due &c. And also beryng therof the said halfe of the annuell charge to the prest and of the anniversarie or obite in the churche a forseid for ever and the other partie of all the said landis & tenementes &c. the said William Nicoll devised to the same Richard To have & to holde to hym & to the heyres of his body laufully begoten for ever yeldyng therfore Rentis and services due &c. And also bering therof the other halfe of the seid Annuell charge to the seid preste and obit or Anniversarie in the seid Churche for ever, and yf it hapned the seid Richard to decesse without suche heir of his body begoten that than the said parte of all the said landis & tenementis &c. so devised to the said Richard and also the said other parte of all the said landes and tenementes &c. devised to the said Julian when they be hapned

to falle after hir decesse shulde holly remayne to Jone the wyfe of Thomas Payne of Loo in Cornewalle Suster of the said Richard & to the heyres of her body lawfully begoten for ever yeldyng therfore rentis and services due &c. and also bering of and for alle the seid londis and tenementes &c. the hole charge Annuelle to the Prest & Anniversari or obit in the Churche aforesaid as it is above rehersed for ever, And if it hapned that the seid Richard or his said heyres or elles the said Johane or her said heyres to fayle and not bere the said charges of Annuite to the Preist or of the Anniversary or obite in the said Churche by an hole yere that than alle the said londes and tenementes with the appurtenaunces shulde holy remayne to the Mayre and Burgeis of the Towne of Suthampton and to theire successoures for ever, and yf it hapned to the seid Johane to decese withoute heyres of her body laufully begoten that then all the said londes and tenementes with the appurtenaunces shulde holy remayne to the said Maire and Burgeis of the Towne of Suthampton aforeseid, and to theyre successours forever, yeldyng therfore rentes and services dewe and of olde tyme accustumed and also beryng the seid hole charge to the Preiste and Anniversary or Obite in the said Churche forever, and if it hapned the said Mayre & Burgeys to faile and not bere the said charge to the Preiste and Anniversary or obite in the said Churche as is above rehersed by an hole yere, that then alle the said londes and tenementis with the appurtenaunces shulde holly remayne to the Priour & Convent of the Monastery of Seint Denys be side Suthampton & to their successores for ever yeldyng ther of rentis and services due &c. And also beryng the seid charge of the Prieste and Anniversary or obite in the seid Church of Holy Rode for ever, And executors of his said testament he made the above wryten Julian & Richard. Item after this thus doon the said William Nicoll become dedly seke so that his Fisicions given him over for a ded man. And then it was remembred by Sir John Serteyn and other beyng aboute the seid William Nicoll howe that his manor of South-Stonham with his pertinences laye withoute Cite or Borugh in the countie at large, and if the seid William Nicoll decessed seased therof that then his brother's doughter called Alice, the whiche was weddyd to a bondeman at Twyford, sholde have bene heyre to hit &c. Therfore it was thought to them behovefull to make a dede of feoffament & enfeoffe certein personis in alle the said londis & tenementis &c. And so the seid Thomas Pyrie was commaunded by the seid Julian Sir John Serteyn & William Stone to make a dede ther. . . . Maister Thomas Foreste Walter Fetplace Robert Aylward William Stone and Sir John Serteyn preste and a lettre of Attorne to the seid Thomas Pyrie to deliver season in the name of the seid William Nicoll to the seid feoffees of & in all the seid londes & tenementes, and when the seid Thomas Pyrie hadde write the seid evidences & putt wex to them & brought them to the seid William Nicolles bedside and redde them to hym openly the same William Nicolles wittes were past away and mynde aliso so that he nother herd sey spake nor made any signe or tokene therto to any knowleiche, But the seid Thomas Pyrie toke the hande of the seid William Nicoll out of the bedd and so ensealed the seid evidences with the seall of the seid William Nicolle & put his hande in to the bed agen and forthwith the seid William Stone and Thomas Pirie went to South Stonham aforseid and there the same Thomas brought the seid William in possession of the seid manour with his pertinences by vertue of the seid evidences and so came agen to Suthampton, and ther brought the same William Stone and other of the Cofeoffees in possession of the tenement of the seid William Nicoll Wherin John Flecher then

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dwelled In the name of all the landis & tenementes that passed by that dede within the town of Southampton suburb' &c. of the same and in the same day that the seid evidences were made & ensealed & lyvery of season taken as hit is above seid, the forseid William Nicoll decessed and passed out of this world, And in Witnesse that the premisses were behadde & doon in the manere and forme aforeseid the seid Thomas Pyrie hath in presence of me the seid Maire put herto his sealle and for more evidence & credence of trouth the seal of myne office of Mairalte of the seid Citee of New Sarum at the instance of the seid Thomas Pyrie is allso putte herto. Geven att Sarum in the ii^{de} day of December in the xviijth yere of the regne of Kynge Edwarde the iiijth.

28 July, 20 Edward IV. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to the Manor of South Stoneham co. Suthampton and lands and tenements in the town and liberty of the town of Suthampton, by John Ludlowe, John Walkar, Richard Gryme, Walter Fetyplace and Michael Luke to William Langherne.

18 September, 22 Edward IV. Lease for thirty years, of a "celarium cum muris lapidiis" with a loft built over the same, in French Street in the town of Suthampton, by the Mayor, bailiffs and whole community of the said town, to John Walkar of the same town burgess and merchant.

29 July, 1 Richard III. Lease for sixty years, of a tenement with appurtenances in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of the said town to Ralph Picarde of the same town merchant.

1 August, 1 Richard III. Deed of conveyance for ever, of eleven messuages with vaults, gardens, &c. by William Wever clerk, Andrew Arthur clerk, and John Borughbrigge of the town of Suthampton burgess, to Walter William, John Ludlowe, William Gunter, Thomas Reynold, Lewis Eynes, Walter Fetiplace, Roger Kelsale, Vincent Tehy, Thomas Smyth, Gabriel Howley, William Hekley mercer, Massie Salman and Thomas Marmorye.

31 January, 2 Richard III. Letters of Attorney by William Slifild, late Treasurer of Calais, to John Walker of Suthampton merchant, Anthony Spynell, Benedict Spynell, Richard Botiller of Chichester co. Sussex, and Thomas Yoxhille of Portesmouthe.

25 February, 2 Richard III. Indenture of an Agreement that, if Thomas Rogers of London (gentleman and clerk of all the king's ships), and John Long of London citizen and brewer, hold Vincent Tehy, Richard Harewode, Gabriel . . . and Thomas Dymok harmless in their own names, and not as Mayor, sheriff and bailiffs of Suthampton, in respect to certain 1,086 sacks of wool, a certain writing of statute merchaunt, whereby the said Thomas Rogers and John Long were bound to pay 1,200*l.* to the said Vincent, Richard, Gabriel and Thomas shall be void.

12 April, 8 Henry VII. Lease for sixty years, of a messuage and two shops in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by Thomas Dymok the Mayor and the whole community of the said town to Stephen Ite of the same town.

10 March, 11 Henry VII. Lease for sixty years, of a garden in Bull Street in the town of Suthampton, by Thomas Langton bishop of Winchester and the Keeper brethren and sisters of God's House of the town of Suthampton, to the Mayor, burgesses and community of the said town.

3 April, 11 Henry VII. Lease for eighty-four years, of a certain tower over "Le Watyrgate" and of an adjoining mansion &c., with licence to build, by the Mayor, bailiffs and community of Suthampton to Richard Palshid of the same town burgess.

11 April, 12 Henry VII. Lease for sixty years, of a piece of land with a stable and barn &c. by the Mayor, bailiffs and burgesses of the town of Suthampton to Cristofer Ambrose of the same town burgess.

26 April, 13 Henry VII. Lease for sixty-eight years by Cristofer Ambrose, Mayor of the town of Suthampton, to Richard Palshid of the said town burgess, of a certain piece of land, with a stable and barn, &c., leased to the said Cristofer Ambrose by the community of the aforesaid town.

30 January, 18 Henry VII. The Confession (*i.e.* Depositions) of divers old men touching a matter of variance and controversy between the Town of Suthampton and the Hospital of St. Julian of Suthampton, otherwise called Goddishous'.

6 February, 20 Henry VII. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to the Salt-marsh within the county of the town of Suthampton, by the Warden brethren and Sisters of St. Julian's Hospital, otherwise called Goddishous, to the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of Suthampton.

6 February, 20 Henry VII. Deed of gift and conveyance for ever, of all that marsh near Icchyn Fery, by the Master brethren and sisters of the Hospital of St. Julian "infra villam Suthampton," to the Mayor bailiffs and community of the said town.

6 February, 20 Henry VII. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to rents issuing out of tenements, &c. in the town of Suthampton, by the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of the said town, to the Warden brethren and sisters of St. Julian's Hospital.

20 February, 20 Henry VII. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to the Little Marsh with its appurtenances, lying near Icchyn Fery near the town of Suthampton, by Cristofer Baynbrigge and the brethren and sisters of the Hospital of St. Julian, commonly called Goddishous, to the Mayor bailiffs burgesses and whole community of the said town.

28 October, 20 Henry VII. The Award of John Kingesmille "oon of the kinges Justices of the Commen place," and Rychard Broke gentleman, for the determination of variances and strife between the Master brethren and sisters of the hospital of Goddishous in Suthampton of the one part, and the Mayor and community of the said town of the other part.

20 January, 23 Henry VII. Indenture (paper) of an agreement between the Mayor burgesses and community of the town of Suthampton of the one part and the Mayor and burgesses of the town of Lemyngton of the other part, for the settlement of differences between the two towns respecting customs.

14 March, 23 Henry VII. Bond of Robert Maller mayor, John Rogers merchant, Robert Tanner tanner and merchant, Richard Kente mercer and Robert Quyck weaver, of the town of New Lymyngton, for the payment of 20*l.* to Robert Bisshop the mayor of the town of Suthampton and to the bailiff of the same last named town.

16 December, 23 Henry VII. Deed of release and quitclaim, in respect to a messuage and a piece of vacant ground in French Street in the town of Suthampton, by the Master brethren and sisters of St.

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Julian's Hospital within the said town, to the Mayor and community of the same town.

20 August, 7 Henry VIII. Indenture of agreement (touching Waterworks) between the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of the town of Suthampton of the one part and John Flemyng of the same town esquire of the other part, whereby the said Mayor &c. "graunted att the instance of the saide John Flemyng that ther shall be a sospre otherwyse called a small pippe of leede made with a stoppe conveyde owte of the greate pipe oute of the condute of the said towne at the Suthwest corner of All Halows church within the said town of Suthampton unto the sayde church walle and ther to issue and have course oute att a cocke of brasse to be made stanch att the costes and charges of the saide John Flemyng and hys assignes bytwyxte Allhallowtide and the begynnyng of Auguste, so that therbe sufficient water att alle the other condutes within the saide towne and no otherwyse;" and it was covenanted by the said John Flemyng esq. that he and his assigns would "inclose the place where the said sospre otherwyse namyd a small pippe with a stoppe shall be conveied owte of the greate pipe of the condute with ii lockes and keyes, of the which ij lockes and keyes the Wardens of the Freeres Observauntes and his successours have the kepynge of the oon key, becawse the conduyte fyrste moved and came by the said freers, and the Meyr of the forsaid towne for the tyme beyng to have the kepyng of the other key."

1 June, 7 Henry VIII. Deed of the Grant and Conveyance, of the "hedde of a Waterspryng in Lovery Meede," by John Flemyng of the town of Suthampton esq. to the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of the town of Suthampton.

—, 9 Henry VIII. Indented Certificate of the Petition to the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of Suthampton in their Guildhall assembled, made by the bakers of said town, praying for municipal authority to form themselves into a guild with powers of self-government in matters relating to their mystery and craft; And Also of the Consent of the said Mayor, &c. to the same petition.

19 May, 14 Henry VIII. Bond of Sampson Thomas of Suthampton merchant, in the sum of 20*l.* to the king's use, for the bringing forth from time to time of John Antyll of Suthampton hat-maker, and his goods valued at five marks; the said John having been born under obeisance to the French King.

19 May, 14 Henry VIII. Bond of Henry Hurdes of the town of Suthampton tailor, in the sum of 10*l.* to the king's use, for the appearance and good behaviour of Nicholas Demerall skinner, born under obeisance to the French king.

19 May, 14 Henry VIII. Bond of John Pers of the town of Suthampton merchant and Peter Rykkard of the same town cordwainer, in the sum of 40*l.* to the king's use, for the appearance and good behaviour of Arthur Julian of the said town cordwainer, born under obeisance to the French king.

19 May, 14 Henry VIII. Bond of Henry Savory and Richard Havart, in the sum of 20 marks to the king's use, for the appearance and good conduct of the said Henry Savory, born under the French king's obeisance.

20 May, 14 Henry VIII. Bond of Thomas Vawe clerk and John Favour of the town of Suthampton merchants, in the sum of 20*l.* to the king's use, for the appearance and good behaviour of the said Thomas Vawe.

20 May, 14 Henry VIII. Bond of Richard Mershe of the town of Suthampton, in the sum of ten marks to the king's use, for the appearance and good behaviour of John Melon.

1 June, 14 Henry VIII. Bond of Thomas Husee merchant, John Peeis merchant, and John Kyllek tailor, all three of the town of Suthampton, in the sum of forty marks, for the appearance and good conduct of the said John Kyllek.

20 January, 21 Henry VIII. Deed of gift and conveyance for ever of a rent issuing out of messuages in French Street, and also of a tenement and certain pieces of land in the town of Suthampton, by John Mille to the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of the said town.

27 February, 21 Henry VIII. Bond of Henry Huttoft of the town of Suthampton, for the payment of 10*l.* to the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of the said town.

20 August, 21 Henry VIII. Deed of sale and conveyance, of three tenements with gardens &c. in the town of Southampton, by Constantine Darell of Collyngbourne co. Wilts. esq., to John Mille of the said town gentleman. Also, dated 12 June, 21 Henry VIII., Deed of sale and conveyance, of a messuage with a garden in Eststrete in the town of Suthampton, by the same Constantine Darell esq. to the same John Mille gent. With deeds of release and quitclaim, in respect to the same properties, by the same Constantine Darell to the same John Mille.

12 September, 21 Henry VIII. Deed of gift and conveyance, of tenements &c. in the town of Suthampton, by Constantine Darell esq. to John Mille, Richard Colnett and Henry Moleneux "ad usum predicti Johannis Mille."

25 October, 32 Henry VIII. Lease for fifty years, of a tenement in English Street in the town of Suthampton, by the Mayor bailiffs and community of the said town to Thomas Mucklowe the elder, yeoman.

24 May, 4 Edward VI. Bond of the Mayor, bailiffs and burgesses of the town of Suthampton, in the sum of 1,000*l.* to the king, for payment of arrears of the fee-farm of their said town.

12 June, 5 Edward VI. Lease for four successive terms of 99 years each, by John Griffith clerk M.A. and vicar of the parish church of Holy Roodes in the town of Suthampton, to Robert Evans of the same town merchant, of the Vicarage House of the said parish-church, with other edifices appurtenant. Also, the counterpart of the same lease for four successive terms of ninety-nine years each.

26 June, 6 Edward VI. Deed of gift and conveyance for ever, by Adam Meresh of the town of Suthampton burgess, of all his goods and chattels in cos. Suthampton, Dorcestre and Suthsex, to Thomas Cook rector of the church of St. Laurence in the said town, and to Robert Hayne and Richard Beel of Hulle.

26 September, 2 & 3 Philip and Mary. Indenture of the Grant by the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of the town of Southampton, to William Fevorell, Thomas Hoyskyns, Thomas Forwarde, William Bowtrell, Hugh Sharpe, Roger James and John Harryson, and the other butchers of the said town, of authority to constitute themselves into a Company or Guild, with powers of self-government in matters touching their mystery and craft.

17 March, 3 & 4 Philip and Mary. Certificate of Sir Thomas Offley knt. (Mayor) and the aldermen of London, under the mayoral seal of the said city, that the bearer thereof, William Bentley of London citizen

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and clothworker, is as a citizen of London free of toll throughout the realm.

28 August, 1 Elizabeth. Certificate addressed to the Barons of the Exchequer by John Gregorye, Mayor of the town of Suthampton, Thomas Pace esq., William Knight and Peter Smithe, customers; Commissioners appointed to enquire and take order respecting the discharging and shipment of all kinds of merchandize at the port of the said town.

21 September, 1 Elizabeth. Letters from Thomas Beadon, B.D., Robert Weston, D.C.L., and Robert Nowell esq., Her Majesty's Commissioners in matters ecclesiastical in the cities and dioceses of Rochester, Canterbury, Chichester and Wynchester, to Edward Willmet (mayor), John Gregory, Thomas Bekingham, Richard Buteler, John Cappelyn, John Stavelen, Nycholas Caplyn, and William Stavelen of the town of Suthampton gentlemen; Giving directions amongst other things, as to the use of an accompanying Form of Recantation of Papistical Tenets &c. Also, attached to these Letters, the Form of Recantation mentioned therein.

13 February, 5 Elizabeth. Lease for sixty years, of a tenement with appurtenances in the High Street of the town of Suthampton, by the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of the said town to William Hatton of Ningewood in the Isle of Wight yeoman.

26 January, 7 Elizabeth. Lease for sixty years, of a tenement in the High Street *alias* English Street in the town of Suthampton, by the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of the said town, to Thomas Torner of the same town "grosser."

20 April, 7 Elizabeth. Exemplification of the Bond (and the condition thereof) of the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of the town of Suthampton, in the sum of 40*l.*, to Laurence Sendye of the said town fishmonger, and to the Warden fellows and scholars of the College of St. Mary of Winchester, and to the Provost of Queen's College Oxford, and to the Warden brethren and sisters of St. Julian's Hospital within the town of Suthampton.

5 November, 7 Elizabeth. Indented Certificate that, in accordance with letters from Lords of the Council, the Mayor, bailiffs and burgesses of Suthampton have paid 28*l.* to Symon Myldred, servant to John Baptiste de Sambitores, merchant of Spayne, dwelling in London.

8 March, 8 Elizabeth. Lease for thirty-one years, of a tenement in French Street in the town of Suthampton, by the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of the said town to John More baker.

29 April, 9 Elizabeth. The Award of William, Earl of Pembroke, Steward of Her Majesty's Household, for the determination of controversy and strife between the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of Southampton of the one part, and Benedicte Spinola of the city of Jean gentleman and free citizen of England of the other part, in respect to dues for and forfeitures on Malmesy and Muscadell wines, brought into the said country otherwise than by the port of Southampton.

23 September, 9 Elizabeth. Bond, in the amount of forty marks, of Sir Francis Dawtrey of Portiswodde knt. and Richard Knight of Portiswodde gentleman, for the payment of an annuity for life of forty shillings, to Alice Bossher of the town of Suthampton.

18 July, 14 Elizabeth. Bond of John Newman of Whitwell in the Isle of Wight yeoman, in the sum of 40*l.* (for his good behaviour in matters of religion), to the Bishop of Winchester.

13 April, 18 Elizabeth. Lease for forty years, of a tenement in the town of Southampton, by the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of the said town to Andrew Studley of the same town, mercer.

4 October, 18 Elizabeth. Lease for fifty-one years, of the Town Ditches, with the fishing thereof &c., by the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of the town of Suthampton to Robert Knaplocke of the same town Notarye Publique.

16 January, 23 Elizabeth. Certificate of John Robyns mayor of New Sarum and John Venarde J.P. and gentleman, to the good character and behaviour of William Pratt and Katheryn Ayhyer, now his wife, during their residence in the said city.

14 August, 31 Elizabeth. Lease to farm for twelve years, of the money accruing by way of forfeiture under the Sweet Wines Grant, by the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of Southampton to the Rt. Hon. Robert the Earl of Essex.

12 February, 34 Elizabeth. Writ of the Court of Exchequer (touching certain loads of wool belonging to James Bysse) addressed to the Mayor, bailiffs and burgesses of the town of Southampton.

26 June, 37 Elizabeth. Indenture of an agreement between Roger Pedley of the town of Suthampton yeoman of the one part, and the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of the same town of the other part. For the construction of water-works for the town's service.

1 July, 40 Elizabeth. Lease for forty-one years, of the Brewers' Tower, parcel of the walls of the town of Suthampton, by the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of the said town to Walter Feverell of the same town butcher.

20 December, 14 James I. Indenture of the petition of the clothworkers of the town of Southampton to the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of the said town, for authority to constitute themselves into "a settled Company and Fellowshipp of the Art and Mistery of Clothworkers," and also of the consent of the said Mayor bailiffs and burgesses to the petition, so preferred by Lionell Austin, William Suffield, John Appleton, Nicholas Wheate and other cloth-workers, Who represent in the preamble to their petition, that they and their fellows "doe use the said Art or Mistery within the said towne, vizt. rowinge, burlinge, fulling, dressinge and pressinge of kerseys, serges and other drapery, keepinge both journymen and apprentices for the doinge thereof."

20 December, 14 James I. Indenture of the petition of the Seargeweavers and Woolkemmers of the town of Southampton to the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of the said town, for authority to constitute themselves into "a settled Company and Fellowshipp of the said Artes and Misteries of sargemakers, sargeweavers and woollkemmers;" and of the consent of the said Mayor &c. to the said petition, preferred in behalf of themselves and their fellows by John Clungeon, Isacke Herrevill, Andrew Harris, Richard Goare, Roger Morse, Henry Ayres, Daniel Hersaunt, Richard Allen, Robert Toldervey, William Peare, and twenty-eight others.—Also, a duplicate of the same Indenture.

20 March, 18 James I. Indenture of an agreement between the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of the town of Suthampton of the one part, and Arthur Baker of the said town alderman of the other part, for the construction of Waterworks for the use and service of the said town.

1 May, 22 James I. The Award of Henry Sherfield, for the determination of controversy between the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of the

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town of Southampton of the one part, and certain wine merchants of the same town of the other part, on questions touching the ancient grants to five several Religious Houses, of five tons yearly of Prisage Wines out of wines landed at the port of the said town.

12 October, 20 Charles I. Bond of Ellis Antram of the town of Suthampton, and of Richard Biscombe and Samuel Downes of the same town, in the sum of 100*l.*, to the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of the said town, for the good conduct of the said Ellis Antrim in the office of a Serjeant-at-Mace.

10 October, 24 Charles I. Indenture of an agreement, between the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of the town of Southampton of the one part, and Thomas Mason, Richard Bellchamber and James Legay of the same town of the other part: For the appointment of the said Thomas, Richard and James to be the deputies of the said Corporation for gathering forfeitures &c. under the Sweet Wines Grant.

28 May, 25 Charles I. Draft of an agreement, between the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of the town of Suthampton of the one part, and Richard Maior gentleman (executor of the last will and testament of his father John Maior deceased), Thomas Wulfris, William Lovington and William Wolgar of the other part.

21 September, 12 Charles II. Orders made by Sir Moundeford Bramston LLD., Chancellor of the Bishop of Winchester. For the determination of controversies between the Mayor of the said town and the Vicar of the Church of Holy Rhoods.

4 June, 20 Charles II. Indenture tripartite, of an agreement between the Mayor &c. of the town of Southampton of the first part, Major Dunch of Baddeley of the second part, and John Steptow and others of the third part; of the Assignment of a house &c. in French Street in the said town for St. John's Hospital.

4 June, 25 Charles II. Letters of attorney (for acknowledging a certain indenture in the Court of Chancery, with a view to its enrolment there) by the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of Southampton, to John Herne and John Brockett of the Middle Temple gentlemen.

20 August, 25 Charles II. Indenture of an agreement between the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of Southampton of the first part, Major Dunch of Baddesley of the second part, and the Warden and Poor Children of the Hospital of St. John the Baptist of the said town of the third part: For the endowment of the said hospital with an annuity of 40*l.*

4 September, 25 Charles II. Precept of the Court of Chancery, directed to William Higgins gentleman, For the execution of a decree of the said Court, touching the provisions for charitable uses of the last will and testament of Nathaniel Mille deceased.

29 September, 29 Charles II. Indenture of an agreement between the Mayor bailiffs and burgesses of the town of Southampton of the first part, and John Pinhorne schoolmaster of the Free School of the said town of the second part, and Edward Reynolds D.D. and his mother Mary Reynolds (widow and executrix of Edward Reynolds late Lord Bishop of Norwich deceased); for assuring to the Master of the said school an additional income of 5*l.* a year.

31 May, 2 William and Mary. The will (with probate, granted on 8 December 1690 A.D.) of Robert Thorner of Baddesley co. Southampton, gentleman.

Besides the Municipal and Private deeds mentioned in this catalogue, there are preserved in the Muniment Room of the Town of Southampton thirty-eight bundles of extinct leases, of the 16th 17th and 18th centuries, that afford no matters falling within the scope of the enquiries of Her Majesty's Historical MSS. Commissioners.

(*d.*) Letters and Loose Memoranda.

— Henry VI. Letters under Henry the Sixth's sign manual and signet to "our trusty and wel beloved the Maire, Aldermen and Baillies of our Towne of Southampton and their Bretheren." Trusty and Welbiloved We grete you wele, and late you wite that right tedious compleynt hath been made unto us by our Welbiloved subgiet John Collis, Poursuyvant unto oure right entierly welbiloved Uncle the 'Duc of Bedford, of ful grevous wronges injuries and hurtes, surmised to be by your meanes unto hym doon ayenst all right and conscience in a matier to be determyned amongest you, betwene hym and oon Robert Wilson of our Town of Southampton, as by this supplication unto us late presented which We sende unto you herin closed it may appere at large, Wherefore We fully entending to see justice and equite ministred unto every our subgietes in all thair matiers and causes, Wol and charge you that peysing thurghly in your mynde What ye ought to doo herin of duetie, ye demeane you in such wise from hensforth in this matier aneinst our said subgiet in shewing unto hym playne and undelayed right witnesse that for lak therof he be not constrayned to poursue unto us for othre remedy in that behalve, Which if in your defaultes he be driven eftsones to doo, it wol sowne greately to our displeasur that eny such default or negligence shuld be founde in yow, and thereupon cause us to put othrewise our handes of help for reformacioun of the same. Yeuen vnder our signet at our Citie of Winchestre the secunde day of Octobre.

35 (?) Henry VI., July 20; London. Letters under two signets encircled with rush rings. We wolle and charge in the kynges name alle manner men that they in no wise vex trouble ne greve the Towne of Suthampton ne no persone ne persones therof their godes ne catalles contrarye to the kynges lawes upon peyne of deth, and if eny persone or persones eville disposed wolle presume to attempte ayenste the seid Towne or eny persone or persones therof, their goodes or catalles contrarye to the kynges lawes and this oure commaundement, Than We Wolle charge and in the Kynges name commaunde the Mayre Shirref Baillyes Constables and all othir officers within the said towne and everyche of theym that they withoute any delay do the said Mysdoers to be taken and commytted into warde, ther safly to be kepte into the tyme that they be laufully delyvered after the lawe of the londe, and that they faylle not to execute this oure commaundment as they wille . . . . to the Kyng . . . verain lorde and unto us at theire pereille. Yeven under oure signettes atte London the xx day of Juyll the xxxv. . . . . of oure soverain lord . . . . nry the Sext after the Conquest.

10 Edward IV., May 7; Suthampton. Privy Seal Writ of Mandate and Warrant addressed to the Mayor and Sheriff of the town of Suthampton. Edward by the grace of God King of England &c. We wol and charge you that of the money comyng and growing towardes us of the fee ferme of our said towne ye content and paye unto John Peyntour and his iij felowes by us assigned for the keping of oure Shippe called the *Grace-a-Dieu* to every of theim after the rate of xiiij*d.* by the weke

for mete and drynke, to the said John Peyntour for his wages after the rate of iiij*d.* by daie, and to every of his said iij felowes after the rate of xii*d.* by the weke for their wages, and for their house-rent xiij*s.* iiij*d.* With allowaunce resonnable for reparacion of the said hows unto tyme ye have otherwise from us in commaundement, And thies oure letters shalbe your suffisant Warraunt and discharge in that behalve. Yeven under our Privee Seel at oure Towne of Suthampton abovesaid the viith daye of Maye, The xth yere of oure Reigne.

11 Edward IV., November 17; the Castell of Farnham. Privy Seal Writ of Mandate and Warrant addressed to the Mayor sheriff and bailiffs of the town of Southampton for the time being. Edward by the grace of God King of England &c. For as moche as we in consideracion of the trewe and feithfull service that our Welbeloved Thomas Raynold of Suthampton aforsaid hath divers wises doon unto us, and in recompense of the grete losses and charges that he hadd and susteyned for our sake, the tyme he was Shierief of Suthampton abovesaid, have yeven unto hym xx*li.* to be taken of the fee ferme of oure said Towne by youre handes, We Wol and charge you that of suche sommes of moneye as be due unto us and in your handes of the said fee ferme and that shalbe due and next comme to youre handes ye contente and paye onto the said Thomas the said xx*li.* And theis oure letters shalbe unto you herin suffisaunt Warrant, and that by the same We Wol ye have therof due allowaunce in youre accompt. Yeven under oure Prive Seel at the Castell of Farnham the xvijth day of Novembre the xjth yere of oure Reigne.

— Edward IV., November 17; the Castel of Farnham. Letters under Edward the Fourth's sign-manual and signet to the Mayor of Southampton. Trusty and welbeloved We grete you wel, and where We late wrote unto you that ye shulde contente and paye certain duetes unto John Peynter purser of the *Grace Dieu*, according to our letters of prive sele to him graunted for the same, ye as it is said denye to performe our plesur in that behalve, bycause ye were commanded by our other letters of prive sele of late time direct unto you, that ye shulde not make contentacion of eny fees wages or annuities, Whiche notwithstanding We Wol and straitly charge you that incontinent upon the sight herof alle delayes and excuses sette apart, ye contente and paye unto the said John Peynter alle suche sommes of money as is due unto him and his felaship by reason of oure graunte aforesaid as ye entende to do us plesur. Yeven under oure signet at the Castel of Farneham the xvij day of November.

— Edward IV., December 10; Paloys of Westminster. Letters under Edward the Fourth's sign-manual and signet to the Mayor and Sheriff of the town of Suthampton. Trusty and welbeloved, We grete you wel, and for asmoche as the Lordes of our parlement and the commownes of this our royaume have graunted unto us the xth part of the values of oon yer of alle their landes tenementes and other possessiouns as in several actes made by auctorite of parlement upon the same more pleinly it appereth, We sende unto you at this time our severel letters of commission with the copies of the said actes and instruccioun, Willing and desiring and over that straitly charging you to make to be assembled all the commissioners named in the said commissions, or as many of them as ye may as hastily as ye can, at a certain day and in such place as shalbe thought moost convenable for ye to assemble in, and over that, that ye tharine, and there deliver unto them our said commissions, copies and instruccioun, soliciting them with alle diligence for the hasty execucioun of our said

commissions according to the said actes and instruccions. Not fayling so to do as ye tender our wele, and the wele of this our land. Yeven under our our signet at oure Paloys of Westminster the xth day of December.

— Edward IV., January 4; Palois of Westminster. Letters under Edward the Fourth's sign-manual and signet to the Mayor of the town of Suthampton. Trusty and welbeloved We grete you wel, lating you wite how we be enfourmed that notwithstanding We of late commaunded you by our other letters, that ye shulde contente and paye with our mony vesting in your handes suche sommes of mony as by us is due unto John Paynter Purser of our ship called the *Grace Dieu* and his felaship, for suche reparaciouns as by our commaundement thei have made upon the same, and for theire borde and wages, the time they were within our said ship, ye have not accomplished our commandment as it is said to our grete mervayle, Wherfore We eftsounes straitly charge you if it so be, that incontinent upon the sight herof ye make contentacioun unto the said John and his felaship, of the said sommes of mony according to our other letters, alle excuses and delayes sette apart as ye wol do us plesur, eny thing you moving to the contrary notwithstanding, and theese our letters shalbe your warrant and souffisant discharge anempst us in that behalve. Yeven under oure signet at our Palois of Westminster the iiijth day of Januery. The seal is surrounded with a ring of finely twisted twine.

12 Edward IV., May 3; Towne of Lew . . . . . Letters under Edward the Fourth's sign-manual and signet to the Mayor and his brethren of the town of Southampton. Trusty and welbeloved We grete you wel, and for youre true devor and acquietall that ye have shewed you of hertofore at al tymes to our gret pleasur according to your duetee, We hertly thank you and pray you in like wise to continue yeveyng ful faith and credence to the right reverend fader in god our right trusty and wel-beloved cosin the Bisshop of . . . . . and to our trusti and welbeloved knight Sir Morys Barkley in that thei shal. . . . . behalve and that ye endevour you to accomplishe the same as our trust is in you . . . . . signet at our Towne of Lew . . . . . the iij^{de} day of May. At the foot of the worn and frayed paper appears this Memorandum, "M^{d} qd. ista litera deliberata fuit Thome Payne Maiori per Thomam Asshe servientem domini Regis exequend' vij die Maij A^{o} rr. E. iiij^{ti} xii^{o}." On the little that remains of the seal there are indications that the wax was originally encircled by a ring of twisted rush or twine.

— Edward IV., February 7; Paloys of Westminster. Letters under Edward the Fourth's signet and sign-manual to the Mayor of Southampton and "Roger Kelshale oon of oure yomen of the Corowne." Trusty and welbeloved We grete you well, and albeit as we be enfourmed that for his inordinat demeanyng oon Thomas Blythorn of our Town of Suthampton Boweer was of late commytted to Prison yet there remaynyng, Nathelesse of our grace especial and at the humble supplicacions of our Boweers there, We wolle and be pleased that he be enlarged and put to bayle, so that he feithfully doo and contynue in oure service of occupacioun there as othre Boweers doo, receyving like wages. Yeven under our signet at oure Paloys of Westmynstr' the vijth day of Fevrier. The perfect seal of this much worn paper is encircled by a rush ring.

— Edward IV., September 2; Towne of Alford. Letters under Edward the Fourth's signet and sign-manual to the Mayor and

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his brethren of the town of Southampton. Trusty and wel-beloved We grete you wele, lating you wite how it hathe of late bene shewed unto us on the behalve of Margerye Stamford of oure Towne of Southampton widowe, that John Walker of our said Towne merchaunt contrarie to right and good conscience kepith from hir a tenement in the Strete called the Englisshe Strete ther, which of right apperteyneth unto hir as it is said, and as she shalle shewe unto you hir right therynne more at large, Wherfore We have consideracion that bicause of povertie she is not of power to sue the processe of our lawes in that partie, desire and pray you to calle aswell the said John as hir afore you, to take examinacion of the titles by aither of thaim pretended unto the said tenement, and therupon to put you in effectuel devour to sette such direccion and ende therinne betwix thaim as shal accorde with right and good conscience, Wherynne ye shal doo unto us ful good pleasur. Yeven under our signet at the towne of Alford the seconde day of Septembre.

— Edward IV. Bill prepared for the King's sign-manual, but not signed. "To the King our Allez liegelord: Pleas it youre moost noble and haboundaunt grace to addresse your graciouses letters under your prive seale in due fourme to be made aftir the tenour folowing,—Edward by the grace of god &c. To the Tresorer and Baronnis of oure Escheker greting, Where Thomas Raynold late Shireff of the towne of Suthampton, that is for to sey from the Feest of Saint Michell in the ixth yere oure reigne unto the same Feest than next folowing, of the money growing to us in his saide office by that tyme Within the saide tyme hath paied diverse summes of money unto oure right dere and trusty cosyn John late Erle of Worcestre, and also to oure Welbeloved William Wade late Capteyn of oure Shippe called the *Rose* for vitailling thereof and unto John Paynter Purser of oure shippe called the *Grace of Dieu*, and to other diverse persones, keping to oure use the same shippe diverses and severalles summes of monie in certaine maners and fourmes by us therein appointed, and by us to the same Thomas by mouth declared as We certeineley knowe, and Where also nowe late in tyme of the Usurpacioun of Henry the Sixt Richard late Erle of Warwicke by force and violence ayenst the Wille of the saide Thomas Raynold malgry dis compelled the same Thomas to contente and paye unto the same late Erle certeine summes of money, the whiche he claymed to be due and to be long unto hym by reason of the office of Constable of Dovorre and Wardeyne of the vth poortes of our graunte of such sommes, Whereof the saide Thomas Raynold is to be charged or chargeable at oure saide Escheker upon his accompt of his saide office as we be certeinly and credibely enfourmed, Whiche summes so paied by oure appointment and the saide summes so paied unto the saide late Erle of Warwike by coercioun and compulsioun atteyne to the summe of cviii*li.* ix*s.* x*d.* and above, We also considering the true and feithfull service done unto us by the said Thomas Raynold to oure right especiall pleasure at tyme of oure being at our saide Towne of Suthampton and otherwise,and not Willing hym to be charged or to satisfie to us of the saide cviij*li.* ix*s.* x*d.* of his owne propre godes but rather intending to provide for his indempnite herein, of oure grace especiall certeine science and mere mocioun remit and relese unto the saide Thomas Raynold the sume of cviii*li.* ix*s.* x*d.* of suche summes of money, Wherof he is to us in fourme abovseide charged or chargeable, and wille and charge you that ye utterly acquite and discharge hym ayenst us forever of cviii*li.* ix*s.* x*d.* in his saide accompte of suche summes of money, Wherof he is to us upon that accompt charged or chargeable in eny

wise, and Where also oure Trusty and Welbeloved John Spryng late Shireff of the saide Toune of Suthampton that is for to sey from the Feest of Saint Michell in the x^th^ yere of oure reigne unto the same Feest next folowing Within that tyme paied and delivered unto the saide John Paynter certeine severale summes of money for vitaillyng of oure saide Shippes to oure use in certaine maner and fourme by us appointed and by our mouth to theym (*sic*) declared as We certeinly knowe, and also Where the saide late Erle of Warwike in the saide tyme usurpatioun by his grete violence myght and power compelled the saide John Spryng to paye unto hym and to other to his behofe certeine summes of money being then in the handes of the said John Spryng &c." The remainder of the lengthy document, after providing for the discharge and indemnity of John Spryng in respect to 36*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* would have provided for the acquittance and discharge of a third Sheriff of Southampton, named Thomas Avan, in respect to 53*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* paid by him, at the commandment of the King's mouth, since Michaelmas last past, to John Paynter and other persons, keeping His Majesty's ship, the *Grace Dieu*.

22 Edward IV., November 28; Paleis of Westminster. Privy Seal Writ addressed to all Mayors, Sheriffs, Custumers, &c., &c., and other officers as well of the Five Ports as of all other Franchises. Edward by the grace of god Kyng of England &c. &c. gretyng. It is lamentably shewed unto us and our counsaill by oon Petir de Valeto merchaunt of Spayne, that where he late had freight a Ship of Britaine with heryng wex and clothes of Tapestry Werk and the same brought into oure port of Wynchelsee there lying at an ankre and tarying wynde and wedir convenient certaine eville disposed persons men of werre yet unknowen unto hym entred and toke the seid Ship goodes and merchaundises and from thens coveyed the same and now late as it is said have arryved withe the seide Ship in oure Porte of Suthampton and there have solde and distributed grete parte of the saide goodes and merchaundises to the grete hurte of the said Petir contrary to oure liberties and fraunchises of our Stremys and portes, and in right evyll and malicious example if this shulde passe unrefourmed, We Wolle therefore and in the straitest wise charge you and every of you, that by alle the wayes and meanes to you possible put you in fulle devoir and diligence if the same Ship or any part of the same goodes or merchaundises or takers therof avoyne or come to any place or places where ye or any of you have rule or guidyng to arrest aswelle the seid Shippe and goodes in whosoever handes they may be founde as the takers of the same, and so suerly under kepyng to remaigne unto the tyme ye certifying us and our Counsaille of your demeanyng in that behalf shall have from us other comaundement, Charging moreover alle our subgettes and liegemen in execucion of the premisses that they and every of theym be to you aidyng helping and assistyng whensoever on our behalfe they shalbe by you or eny of you warned or required as they wolbe recomended unto us of good and due obeisaunce, Not faillyng herof as ye intend to doo us singular pleasir. Yeven undre oure Pryve Sealle at oure Paleis of Westminstre the xxviij^th^ day of Novembre the xxij^th^ yere of oure Reigne

8 Edward (?), September 14; City of Canterbury. Letter under the signet and sign-manual of the King to the Mayor and Customers of "the towne and poort of Southampton." Trusty and Welbeloved, We grete you wele, And where as a certain Ship called *Marye Devir* of Biscay in Ispayne was lately put under arrest by our commaundement within our haven ther for convey-

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ing of Alom into this oure Royaume withoute oure lycence, It is soo that we be enfourmed that the said Ship is deteyned there within oure said haven oonly for the brynging of the saide alome and for non othre cause, Wherfore we wool and commaunde you that if the said ship be not restrayned and taryed but oonly for the cause abovesaid, Ye suffre her incontynently upon the sight hereof to departe at her fre large and libertye, And that ye fayle not herof in any wyse for thus it pleases us to be doon. Yeven undre oure signet at our Citie of Caunterbury the xiiij day of Septembre the viijth yere of our Reigne. The sign-manual and signet of this worn and stained paper are so defaced, that it is not certain the writing was dated by the sovereign to whom it is here assigned. Marks on the edge of the seal show that the wax was formerly encircled by a rush ring.

— Richard III., March 3; London. Letters under the sign-manual and signet of Richard duke of Gloucestre, Constable and Admyralle of England (afterwards Richard III.), to the Mayor of the Town of Suthampton. Trusty and Welbeloved We grete you wele and forasmoche as We be enfourmed that oure Welbeloved Servaunt Richard Forthey of the town of Suthampton squyer hathe diverse maters and sutes to do and attaine afore you in youre Courte, desire therfore and in oure herty wyse pray you that at the contemplacioun of these ye wylle owe to oure seid servaunt in his seid maters and sutes your lawful benyvolence and favour and to see that the lawe be duly mynystred unto hym withoute delaye as we trust you and as ye entende to do unto us acceptable pleasur and deserve of us singuler thanke. Yeven under our Signet at London the iiijth day of Marche. — — The injured seal of this writing bears marks showing that the wax was originally encircled with a rush-ring.

1 Richard III., September 12; Westminster. Writ of Mandate directed to the Mayor of the town of Suthampton and Admiral of the port thereof. Ricardus dei gracia &c. Waltero William maiori Ville nostre Suthampton ac Admirallo in portu ejusdem ac crecis eidem portui adjacentibus salutem, Cum nuper ad querimoniam carissimi consanguinei nostri Henrici Comitis Northumbrie ac dilectorum ligeorum nostrorum Roberti Saunderson et Johannis Hanyng possessorum cuiusdam navis vocate la *Marie de Newcastell* coram nobis et consilio nostro exhibitam de et super iniusta capcione et spoliacione navis predicte ac bonorum ac mercandisarum in eadem tunc existencium per subditos ducis Britannie facta et perpetrata, necnon pro eo quod iidem consanguineus et ligei nostri ad aliquod justicie complementum seu restitucionem navis bonorum et mercandisarum predictorum ab eodem duce eiusve Officiariis attingere nequibant et ob defectum ministracionis justicie, Assignamus vos ac alios Officiarios ac ministros nostros quoscunque coniunctim ac divisim ad omnia et singula naves et vasa cum apparatu eorundem necnon bona ac mercandisas quecunque quibuscunque subditis dicti ducis Villarum de Landeneau Brest Conquet Crowedou Alavowe et Abberwargh' spectancia et pertinencia usque ad summam mille quingentarum et decem et novem librarum in quemcunque portum sive locum infra regnum nostrum Anglie seu alibi sub obediencia nostra veniencia aut adducenda, arestanda et seisienda, ac sub salva ac secura custodia quousque aliud a nobis sub magno sigillo nostro haberetis specialiter in mandatis poni facienda, et ad quedam alia in literis nostris patentibus inde confectis specificata facienda et exequenda prout in literis illis plenius continetur, Virtute quarum literarum vos quandam navem de Conquet predicta vocatam la

Nicholas de Conquet unde Arnoldus de Agoo est magister in dictum portum Suthampton nuper adductam unacum toto apparatu eiusdem ad requisicionem dictorum Roberti et Johannis arestatis et sub aresto huiusmodi detinetis, que quidem navis cum apparatu antedicto ad quaterviginti libras se extendit in valore prout nos in Cancellaria nostra per literas vestras sigillo Maioratus dicte ville Suthampton sigillatas reddidistis certiores: Nos tamen certis de causis nos et consilium nostrum specialiter moventibus ac pro eo quod prefatus Arnoldus per consensum et aggreamentum dictorum Roberti et Johannis coram nobis in Cancellaria nostra undecimo die instantis mensis Septembris constitutus juramentum prestitit corporale, et eciam per scriptum suum obligatorium prefatis Roberto et Johanni tenetur in Centum libris de comparendo coram nobis et consilio nostro predicto ad festum purificacionis beate Marie proxime futurum ubicunque idem consilium tunc fore contigerit ad respondendum prefatis Roberto et Johanni de premissis, et ad standum direccioni per nos et dictum consilium nostrum in hac parte ordinande et fiende; Vobis mandamus firmiter iniungentes quod dictam navem de Conquet cum toto eius apparatu dearestari et prefato Arnoldo eiusve deputato deliberari faciatis eundem Arnoldum cum navi et apparatu predictis ad libitum suum quo voluerit extra portum predictum ire et navigare permittentes, dictis literis nostris vobis ut premittitur directis in aliquo non obstantibus. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium xij die Septembris anno primo.

1 Richard III., 13 October; Lincoln. Letters under Richard the Third's sign-manual and signet "to oure trusty and welbeloved the Maior shireif and aldermen of oure Towne of Southampton." Trusty and welbelowed We grete you wele, and let you wit that the Duc of Buckingham is traterously turned upon us contrary to the deutie of his liegeaunce and entendith thutter distruccion of us, you, and alle othre our trewe subgiettes that have taken oure part, whose traiterus entent We with goddes grace entend briefly to resist and subdue, Pray you hertly therfore and naithles upon your leigeaunce charge you that with as many as ye may reise and make in defensible array on horsback ye do sende to be with us at our Citie of Coventre the xxij day of this present moneth withouten faile in any wise as ye tendre our honnour and your owne wele, and We shall soo see to you for your reward and charges, as ye shal hold you right wele content. Yeven under our signet at our Citie of Lincoln the xiij day of Octobre.

1 Richard III., November 10; Paloice of Westminster. Writ under the Privy Seal by Richard the Third to John Walker, Mayor of Suthampton. — Richard &c. greeting, It is shewed unto us and oure Counsell nowe late that Where as a Ship belonging to Sir William Berkley knight toke a ship of the parties of Britaigne but late ago, Wherin Frankyn Spynell of the said Towne of Suthampton had iiij bales of wollen clothes, which bales and clothes were commytted to the keping of Thomas Broyne squier and of the Baillif of Portesmuth to thentent that they shuld be deliverd to the said Frankyn his depute or attourney in that behalve as by Endenture theruppon made and the bill of compleynt herin enclosed more pleynly it appereth, Soth it is notwithstanding the same endenture the said Thomas Broyne and Baillif of Portesmouth utterly denye to deliver the same iiij bales to the said Frankyn withoute they have commaundement from us in that behalve as We been enfourmed, Wherefore We tendirly considering the premisses Wol and straitly charge you that ye examyn and ripely understand this mater with al the circum-

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staunce And theruppon to minister Justice, Wherein ye shall do us grete pleasir and deserve of us therfore a special thanke. Yeven under our Prive Seel at oure Paloice of Westminster the xth of November the furst yere of oure Reign.

— Richard III., December 13; London. Letters under Richard the Third's sign manual and signet to the Mayor, Bailiffs and Burgesses of the town of Southampton. — Trusty and Welbeloved, We grete you wele, and ben emfourmed that Wher hertofore oure noble progenitours Kinges of this oure Realme of England by their sufficient letters patentes amongest other liberties and previleges haith yeven and conferred unto you ful power and auctoritie to elect name and admitte eny officere necessarie for the tyme within oure towne ther and him of a cause reasonable to remove and put out of his place and roume and in the same depute and ordeign othre at youre plaisire, certain indisposed persones are aboute to trouble and vexe you in dewe execucioun of the said graunt and confirmacioun, Wherefore We willing al resonable previleges and liberties graunted unto you by eny of oure forsaid progenitours to be inviolable observed and keped, Wole and charge you that ye duely executing the said liberties and previleges aswel in the premisses as al othre thinges concernyng the same take upon you as fer as ye lawfully may by vertue of your said grauntes and confirmacioun so to punyshe the said indisposed persones as shal be the good and fereful example of othre, And if they be such persones whome ye may not accordingly punyshe in that behalve to certifie us therof to thentent We may provide suche a lawful remedy in the same as may accorde with youre said previleges and good conscience accertaynyng you that in the execucioun of the premisses ye shal finde us your tendre sovuerain lord at al tymes herafter, Whan ye shal sue unto us in that behalve. Yeuen vnder our Signet at our Citie of London the xiij day of Decembre.

— Richard III., July 17; Castell of Notingham. Letters under the sign-manual and signet of Richard the Third to the Mayor and his brethren of the town of Southampton. Trusty and Welbiloved we grete you wele, And Wol and desire you to yeve ferme faith and credence to the Reaportes of oure trusty servauntes Garter King of Armes and Richard Gough in suche thinges as We have commaunded theim to open and declare unto you at this tyme in our behalve, And that with alle effect and diligence ye will endevoire you to thaccomplisshement of the same, as our truste is in you. Yeven undre oure signet at oure Castell of Notingham the xvij day of Juyll.

— Richard III., July 7; Palaice of Westminster. Letters under Richard the Third's sign-manual and signet to the Mayor and brethren and the burgesses of the town of Suthampton. Trusty and Welbeloved We grete you wele, And where as our Welbeloved servaunt Anthony Spynell merchaunt whom We have in the singulier favor of our grace is inhabited and Reseant in oure Towne there amongest you, We desir and in our herty wise pray you that in alle his causes and materes reasonable ye shewe unto hym your benyvolences and favours and the rather at the Reverence of thise oure letters, as ye desir to doo us a speciall pleasur. Yeven undre our signet at our Palaice of Westminster the vijth day of Juyll.

— Richard III., February 25; Paloys of Westminster. Letters under Richard the Third's sign-manual and signet to the Mayor and his brethren of the town of Southampton. Trusty and Welbeloved We grete you wele, And where upon certain suyt and processe of our lawes attained before you by William Slyfeld ayeinst Johan Sare,

he is condempned with hurtes and expenses in the somme vij^{xxti} li unto the said William, It is shewed unto us that though the said condempnacioun be unto the said William, yet the right therof apperteyneth unto our Welbeloved servaunt Thomas Yoxhile, Wherfore We tendring the wele of our said servaunt desire and praie you to see and helpe as fer as in you is, that he may be content and paied of the said somme, Sheweing unto him herein suche lawfull case (? ease) and brief expedicioun yas ye goodely may, soo that by your moyens he may the raythar attayne unto his said duetie as We trust in you, Wherein ye shal doo unto us full good and acceptable plaisur. Yeven undre oure signet at our Paloys of Westminster the xxv daye of February.

— Richard III., March 25; Paloys of Westminster. Letters under Richard the Third's sign-manual and signet to the Mayor, sheriff, and other officers of the town and port of Southampton. Trusty and welbeloved We grete you wele, and where in oure parliament holden at Westminster the furst yere of oure Reigne, amongest other actes passed in the same, It was ordeined and provided, that alle Merchantes of the Nacioun of Italie not made denisins whiche than had within this oure Royaume wares and merchandises brought from beyonde the See, and bifore the Fest of Estre than next foloweing shuld have, shuld do sell or bartre theim in groos and not by retaille to our subgiettes before the furst daye of Maij, that shal be the yere [of] our Lord a thousand foure hundred foure score and five, and the money comyng of the same sale before the said furst daye of Maij employe upon the commodities and merchandises of this oure Royeaume, thair reasonable costes and expenses alwey excepted and deducted, upon payne of forfaicture and othre penalties in the same acte expressed more at large and therupon and sith the said Acte so passed, the said merchauntes of Italie have many tymes shewed unto us and oure Counseille, aswele in the presence of diverse our Citizens of London as othre persounes called for that entent, many and great difficulties, Why they can not utter all the said wares and merchandises within the tyme and daye above limited, considering the great substance and quantitie therof more than was knowen or underestanden to theim whiche were makers and assenters of the saide Acte at the tyme of the making of the same,—Praieing therfore and requiring us of a lengier daye and respite to be yeven unto theim in avoiding their importable losses and damages whiche elles shuld venue upon theim without their gilt or default contrarie to equitie and ayeinst the myndes of the makers of the said Acte, whiche entended noo fraude ner injurie to any persoune,—We therfore having tendre consideracioun to the premisses after this matier largely debated aswele in oure Counseil as in othre places amongest our soubgietes persons of great sadnesse and experience as it is not to you unknowen have by thadvise of the Lordes of our Counseill ensueing also the myndes of the said othre discrete persounes condescended to a prorogacioun of the said daye and terme, Willing and ordeyning that it shall be liefull to the said merchauntes of Italie to utter and employe in manner and fourme conteyned in the said Acte the rest of all suche wares and merchandises as be above expressed yit unsold a this side the Fest of Mighelmase next to come and so doing tavoide the forfaitures and penalties there expressed and elles after the said Fest of Mighelmasse to falle in theim according to the said acte. Whyche oure mynde and ordenaunce We notifie unto you by this our writing to thentent that by your Wisedoms policies and discrecioun the same may be further shewed to our soubgietes within the libertie and franchise of your said Towne, they to demeane theim sef in alle thinges touching the premisses after oure said mynde and ordenaunce.

Wherein both ye and they shal doo thing greatly to our pleasur according to reason and justice and to the Honor of this oure Royuame, Saving alweye the Residue of the said Acte as touching all othre wares and merchandises comyng or to come into this oure lande after the said Fest of Estre nowe passed to be uttered and employed within viij monethes after theire arrivaile, whiche We wol to stande in his full force and effecte the premisses notwithstanding. Yeven undre our signet at our Paloys of Westminster the xxv daye of Marche.

The seal (much injured) of this document is encircled by a rush ring.

2 Richard III., April 5, London. Letters under Richard the Third's sign-manual and signet to the Mayor and his brethren of Suthampton. Trusty and Welbiloved We grete you wele, And wher it is soo that diverses sedicious and evil disposed persounes both in our citie of London and elliswhere within this our Reame enforced thaymself dailly to sowe sede of noyse and dislaundre ayenst our persoune and ayenst many of the lordes and estates of our landes, to abuse the multitude of our subgiettes, and averte thaire myndes from us if they coude by any mean attaigne to that theire mischevous entent and pourpos, somme by setting up of billes, somme by messages and sending furth of fals and abhominable languages and lyes, somme by bold and presumptuous open speche and comitacioun oon with othre, Wherethurgh the innocent people, which wold lyve in rest and peax and truly under our obeissance, as thay ought to doo, be greatly abused and oftentymes put in daunger of thair lifes landes and goodes as ofte as thay folowe the steppis and advises of the said sedicious and myschevous persounes to our great hevinesse and pitie, For remedie wherof and to thentent the trouth openly declared shuld represse al such fals and continued invencions, We now of late called us the Maire and Aldremen of our Citie of London togidre with the moost sadde and discrete persounes of the same citie in great nombre being present many of the Lordes spirituel and temporall of our land and the substance of al our houshold to whom We largely shewed our trewe entente and mynde in al such thinges as the said noyse and disclaundre ronne vpon, in such wise as We doubt nat, al wele disposed persounes were and bee right wele content with, Wher we also at the same tyme yave straitly in charge aswele to the said Maire as to al othre our officers servauntes and feithful subgettes Whersoever thay be that from hensforth as often as they finde any persoune speking of us or any othre lord or estate of this our land othrwise than is according to honour trouth and the peax and restfulnesse of this oure Reame, or telling of talys and tidinges Wherby the people myght bee stirred to commocions and unlawful assembles, or any strif and debate aryse betwix lord and lord or us and any of the lordes and estates of this our land, thay take and arreste the same persoune unto the tyme he have brought forth hym or thaym of whom he undrestode that that soo is spoken and soo proceding from oon to othre unto the tyme the furst auctor and maker of the said sedicious speche and language be taken attached and punisshed according to his defautes, and that Whosoever furst fynde any sedicious bille sette up in any place he take it down and without redyng or shewyng the same to any othre persoune bring it furthwith to us or somme of the Lordes or othre of our Counsaill, all which direccions charges and commandements, so by us taken and geven by our mouth in our Citie of London, We notifie unto you by these our lettres to thentent that ye shewe the same within al the places of your jurisdiccioun, and see ther the due execucioun of the same from tyme to tyme, as ye wol eschewe our grevous indignacioun and answer to us at your extreme perelles. Yeven undre oure signet at our Citie of London

the vth day of Aprile. The remains of the seal of this document afford indications that the wax was originally encircled with a rush or twine ring; and there appears at the foot of the paper this memorandum "M^{d} qd. ista lra' fuit deliberata Magr'o Vincencio Tehy than Mair' of Suthampton & to his brethern to be executed the xth day of April the ii^{d} yere of the regne of Kyng"—.

— Henry VII., September 23; Winchester. Letters under Henry the Seventh's sign-manual and signet to the Mayor and his brethren of the town of Southampton. Trusty and and Welbeloved We grete you well, And Where as by a bille of supplicacioun to us lately presented, We undrestand that certain matiers of Variaunce and controversye depend betwen you on the oon partye, and the Maister brethren and susters of the Hospitall of Goddes House on the other partye, It is shewed unto us that by bothe your aggrementes it is appointed that a view shalbe indifferently taken for the Rightfull ordring and determynacioun of the said matiers, Wherfor We wol and commaunde you to applye yourselfes, that the said view may bee taken, and that a finalle ende be therupon made in the said matiers, so as We bee not molested with any further suyt in this behalf herafter, As ye tendre our pleasur. Yeven undre our signet at our Citie of Wynchestre the xxiij^{ti} day of Septembre. In connection with this Sign Manual mention may be made of a small number of not important papers (rough copies of depositions and other matters), touching the matters in dispute between the Corporation of Southampton and the Goddishous.

24 Henry VII., February 3; Westminster. Writ directed to Edward Beltknap esq. Master of His Majesty's prerogative in the County of Suthampton, and the County of the town of Suthampton; Commanding the said Master and his deputies that they permit the Maior bailiffs and burgesses of the said town to have and enjoy all the liberties, fines, issues and amerciaments granted to them by Edward the Fourth by Letters Patent dated on 20 August in the 20th year of his reign, which Letters Patent were confirmed by His present Majesty on the 28th November in the fourth year of his reign. "Henricus dei gracia &c. &c. Edwardo Beltknap armigero Magistro prerogative nostre sive ejus deputato vel deputatis in comitatu Suthampton ac in comitatu ville Suthampton salutem, Cum dominus Edwardus nuper Rex Anglie quartus vicesimo die Augusti anno regni sui vicesimo per literas suas patentes quas nos vicesimo octavo die Novembris anno regni nostri quarto confirmavimus de gracia sua speciali inter alia concesserit Maiori ballivis et burgensibus Ville Suthampton et successoribus suis quod ipsi imperpetuum haberent infra Villam libertatem et precinctum eiusdem ville in supportacionem solucionis feodi firme eiusdem Ville omnes et omnimodo fines pro licencia concordandi ac omnimodo alia fines exitus redempciones amerciamenta forisfacturas et deperdita omnium residencium ac omnium integre tenencium et non integre tenencium infra villam Suthampton predictam ac infra libertatem ac precinctum ejusdem Ville tam coram predictis Maiore et ballivis et successoribus suis in curia sua &c. . . . . Vobis mandamus quod prefatos Maiorem Ballivos et burgenses omnia et singula . . . . et cetera premissa habere et gaudere permittatis &c. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium."

— Henry VIII., August 20; Manor of Oking. Letters under the signet and sign manual of Henry the Eighth to the Mayor and his brethren of the town of Southampton. Trusty and Welbiloved We grete you wele, And forasmoche as to good policie it apperteigneth in tyme of peace to provide against warres, We therfor

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intending to have a good nombre of Archers prepared and put in arredines aswell for the defense of us and this oure Reame as for the furniture of our other dominions and garnisons in outward partes, Woll and desyre you and nevertheles commaunde you, that forthwith upon the sight of these our letters ye do endevor yourself with all diligence possible to put the nombre of Twelve good hable and sufficient bowmen and archers in such arredines sufficiently furnysshed for the Warres, so that they maye bee forthcomyng upon a dayes warnyng at any tyme whan ye shalbe by us hereafter required, Not failling in theffectuell preparacioun and putting in arredines of the said nombre of Archers, as our trust and confidence is in you, and as ye tender our honour and suertie. And these our letters shalbe as sufficient Warraunt and discharge unto you for your indempnite in the reteignyng levyeng and preparing of the said nombre as though ample auctoritie were given unto you for that pourpose under our greate seale, Any act statute or ordinaunce made to the contrary notwithstanding. Yeven under our signet at our Manoir of Oking the xxth day of August.

— Henry VIII., May 8; Manoir of Richemount. Letters under the sign manual and signet of Henry the Eighth to "the Mayre shreaves and his brethern of Southampton." Trusty and Welbiloved We grete you wel, Assertaynyng that aswel by the tenour of a letter now sent us from the Right Reverende Father-in-God our right trusty counsaillour the bishop of Winchestre as also by a letter whiche ye the Mayer of that our toun sent unto the same our Counsaill, We to oure no litle myscontentacioun and displeasure perceyve that a grete commocion and riotous assemble hathe nowe at this season ben made and presumptuously attempted by diverse seducers and evil disposed persounes of our said toun aswel in breking doun certein dikes there as also in the bolde iustificacioun of the same to the grete disturbaunce of our peax and the perilous example of other light and wilde mynded people, We intending to have the offendours herin to be spedily repressed and punyshed as accordeth with iustice, do sende at this tyme our trusty and right welbeloved counsaillour and knight for our body Sir William Sandes constable of our castel of Southampton, Whom We have commaunded and auctorised not oonly to attache the said sedicious and riotous persones and every of them, but also by the advice of the said right reverende Fader to procede to the correccion and punyshment of the said comocion, by such ways and meanes as he shal thinke expedient, Wherfore we wol and charge you that in execucion of this oure commaundment and pleasure, Ye and every of you be to our said Knight and Counsaillour assistant aiding and obedient in most diligent maner as ye tendre our pleasure. Yeven under our signet at our Manoir of Richemount the viijth day of May.

— Henry VIII., April 9; Manoir of Richemount. Letters under the signet and sign manual of Henry the Eighth to the Mayor of the town of Suthampton. Trusty and Welbeloved We grete you wele, And where as by our other letters heretofor directed We willed you to prepayre and fournissh in sufficient redynes the nomber of twelve hable persounes to serve us in the Warres upon a reasonable monicion to be gyven to you in that behalf, Whereunto ye thene shewed yourself right towardly minded and aggreable to our full good contentacion, We therefor woll and desier you that incontynently vpon the receit of thies our letters ye send unto us your said nomber of persounes sufficiently harneysed, Soo that they may be at our Manoir of Grenewiche the last day of this present month of Aprill thens to

enter into our wages and further to procede as we shall commaunde them, Letting you wete that we have ordeynid not oonly cootes of our lyverees to be delivered theim at their comyng, but also conduit money to be paied to suche one as ye shall send to receyve the same, Which for the shortenes of tyme and lakke of knowleche of the distaunce from the places where the said persounes shalbe levyed to our said manoir could not be sent to you at this season. Faile ye not effectually to accomplysh the premisses in any wise as ye tender our honour and pleasyr. Yeven under our signet at our Manoir of Richemount the ixth day of Aprill.

— Henry VIII., May 2; Manoir of Richemount. Letters under Henry the Eighth's signet and sign manual to the Mayor of Southampton. Trusty and welbiloved We grete you well, And where as we by our late letters to you addressed willed you to reteigne and kepe those Twelve hable persons in sufficient arredines to bee forthcomyng upon a dayes warnyng, Which We by our other letters heretofore willed you to sende unto us [? for service] in our warres, We for certain consideraciouns us moeving, Woll and commaunde you to sende the said xij hable persounes sufficiently harneysed to our said Manoir of Grenewiche so that they bee there the xvth day of this instant moneth of May next comyng at the farthest, Without any failling as ye tender our pleasur. Yeven under our signet at our manoir of Richemount the secund day of May.

— Henry VIII., March 22; Manoir of Grenewiche. Letters under Henry the Eighth's sign manual and signet to the Mayor and his brethren of the town of Suthampton. Trusty and Welbeloved We grete you wele, And Forasmoche as We be enfourmed that a marshe called the saltmarshe parcell of our Towne of Suthampton lyeth open uppon the see coost, and that the bankes thereof aswell as the causen nigh our Lady of Grace as in diverse and many other places of the same be worne wastyd and by stormes of the see consumed, by reason whereof the salt-water of late hathe entrid and hereafter is like to enter, Not onely to the lost and destruccion of that marshe but also by contynuance shall torne us our Towne and subgiettes thereof to grete lostes noyaunce and damages sundry wise, oneles spedy remedy in that behalf be founde, the occasion whereof is and hath bene for that the said marshe heretofore hath bene put to no good use, Whereby profyt might yerely growe for defence of itself ayenst the see, to our grete marvill and discontentacion, We specially tendring the comon welth of our said toun and to see this mater refourmed accordingly, Will therfor and commaunde you that incontinent upon the sight hereof ye not onely cause to be repeyred and amended the said bankes for the saving of that marshe but also that ye take into our handes all the said marshe putting it to suche use and order that the profyt thereof commyng may yerely defende itself agenst the see withoute any ferther charge to us or our Towne hereafter. And yf there be any persone or persones repynyng hindering or letting you or any of you for the accomplisshement of this our commaundement, that thene ye certefye us and our Counsaill there names with diligence as ye will have our favour. Ferthely We be enfourmed of dekey and povertie of that our towne whiche We and our Counsaill do studye to relyve comfort and entende to cause the same to be better inhabited and replenyshed with people, And soo We will and commaunde you to doo for your partie, And that ye preferre the comen weale of the vytelers craftymen and other inhabitauntes of that Towne befor foreyne, any acte to the contrarye notwithstanding, Whereby other shalbe encoreged to inhabite theim self among you, And also that

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ye see that no Ryot be used ne no idill persounes remayne amonges you, but that they be put to sundry occupaciouns or punysshed according to our lawes, Letting you wete that in the executing of the premisses or any other thing that is to the weale and comfort of that our towne ye shall not onely doo thing to the pleasur of god but in the same manner minister unto us right good and acceptable service encoragyng us by the same to helpe you fourth accordingly. Yeven under oure signet at oure Manoir of Grenewiche the xxijth day of Marche.

5 Edward VI., August 12; Honour of Hamptoncourte. Letters, under Edward the Sixth's sign manual and signet (with ten counter-signatures of Lords and others of the Council), to the Mayor and sheriff of the town of Southampton. Trustie and Welbiloved We grete you well, and wher our writt with such further matter as is annexed therunto is presently addressed unto you our pleasur and expresse commaundement is that in no wise you nor any for you presume to breake up or open our said writte untill it shalbe the xvith daye in the morning of this present moneth on which daye taking good testimony for your declaration at thopening of the same you shall fourthwith with as moche spede as you may possibly procede to the doing of such thinges as by the said writte be appointed unto you without disclosing the tenor of the said writte or of the shedule sent therwith directly or indirectly to any person untill the publicacion thereof except it be to your undersherif or other minister which shall execute our said writte whom nevertheles our pleasur is you shall swere to kepe the same secrete untille the very publicacion therof all which premisses We straightly charge you upon your allegeaunce to do and perfourme in suche forme as ys aforesaid, as you will aunswer for the contrary at your uttermost perille. Yeven under our signet at our Honour of Hamptoncourte the xijth of August the fifte yere of our reign.

— —, March 7; London. John Lucas to the Right Reverend Father ——. Reverendissime Pater et domine, noverit vestra reverencia me laborasse et ordinasse pro exemplificacione patencium quarum copiam misistis, quam exemplificacionem vobis mitto per latorem presentem magno sigillo regis signatam unacum expensis quas mutuatus sum et solvi, In primis ad Maupas custodem rotulorum apud turrim vi*s.* viij*d.*, Item, ad clericum suum pro scriptacione apud turrim xx*d.*, Item pro script' ad eundem clericum xij*d.* Item ad ij clericos examinatores et exemplificatores nominatos sub patentibus exemplificatis viij*d.*, Item pro sigillacione xxij*s.* iiij*d.*, Item ad capitalem custodem et clericum rotulorum Wakeryng vi*s.* viii*d.* pro feodo suo et summa de claro triginti novem solidos nost' q[uia] talis exemplificacio non poterit fieri nisi ad requisicionem unius . . . . et propterea ponitur Willelmo Rauenston in dicta exemplificacione tam requesitor, nichilominus nomen eius poterit deleri et nomen novum ibi poni sed non est ponderandum cuius nomen ponatur ad quorumcunque manus dicta exemplificacio perveniat, ... ipse qui foret attornatus vester in scaccario nondum ven^{t} London' venerit communicabo cum eo de materia de qua mihi nuper scripsistis Amantissime Pater et domine reverende vestre supplico reuerentie non displiceat et si presens litera non sit sufficienter scripta et dictata sane attendendo quod nimium festinavi Non . . . . mi domine vobis jam . . . pro temporis brevitate sed vos et vestra dirigat, qui . . . Scriptum London Septimo die Marcii. Per vestrum humilem filium Johannem Lucas. The approximate date of this letter may be inferred from the fact that William Ravenston was Mayor of Southampton in 1398.

22 Henry VI., 24 April; Suthampton. Curious letters testimonial and certificatory (in Latin on vellum) by Nicholas Holmage, mayor, the aldermen and other discreet officers of the town of Southampton;—Certifying that on the aforementioned day John Serteyne chaplain and Gilbert Holbeme and Richard Smyth, burgesses, made declaration on oath to the following effect, That some seven or eight years since there came to Suthampton a certain John Wythycll of Bodman in Cornwall goldsmith, claiming to be cousin of the worthy burgess William Nycoll late of Suthampton, and offering to serve the said William in his art of goldsmith; That the said John dwelt with the said William as his servant for the space of a month, in the middle of which time he declared his desire to take for his wife Katharine the daughter of the said William's wife, albeit he (the said John) had a wife living at Bodman, that on discovering the truth of this matter the said William Nycoll ordered the said John to begone to his own wife and house; that on being thus discharged and ordered off the said John swore in anger to divers people that he would have a proper share of his rich cousin's goods; that in pursuance of this purpose the said John was suing in the Commons Bench at Westminster the executors of the said William for payment of a hundred pounds alleged to be due to him from the said William's estate by virtue of a certain obligatory bond; that this bond was a fictitious and fraudulent writing, and that to the knowledge of the three declarators William Nycoll had never been indebted in any sum whatever to John Wythyell.

— —, September 20; Suthampton. (Rough copy of letter) W. Clerk, Mair of Suthampton, to the Bishop of . . . . . Ihs. Righte Worshipfull and Reverend Fader in God and my moste especial good lord I recommaunde me unto your goode Lordship. Plesyng yo^{r} goode lordship that by force of a preve seal fro the Kyng our Soverayn Lorde to me late dyrected among other, I have arrested a carak of Jene leying with yn the porte and Fraunchise of the towne of Suthampton, and heve a londe the . . . . of the same Carrak as principal leyinge ther yn fore as moche as the patron of the said carak wasse absent in Flaunders. And not withstondying that they permytted me faithfulli to obbey and abode the seide arrest, accordyng to the Kynges our Soverayn lordes commaundement, and to weye none anker yn no wise, they have sethyn presomptuosli don the outrage, and abalid them utter, proposyng to myn understondying to have departid forthwith yf the wynde and wedder wolde have servyd them, disobeyeng the commaundement of our seid sovreyn Lorde. After which tyme with suche . . . . and power as I had and myght I did entrete them and wolde have taken the pylot leying in the same carak alonde and other of their apparell, which sholde nedis have caused them to have beeyn yn case that I myght ther yn have had my purpose, And they yn no wise wolde suffer me so to do, so that other wise I may not do, but yf I and othir sholde put our lyffes in jepardie and lose them for nought. Wherfore hit may plese your good lordship the premysses considrd a remedy to be provyded to the honor and observyng of the commaundement of our seide Soverayn Lorde the Kynge yn this be halfe. And the blessid Trinite preserve you ever after your hertes desir. Wreten at Suth' the xx day of September. Your servaunt and bedman, W. Clerk, Mair of Suth'.

37 Henry VI., November 2; London. W. Clerk, Mayor of Suthampton to John Dun, Walter Fetplace and alle the other auditours of the towne of Suthampton:—Right Worshipfull and Reverend Sires, And my right trusti and hertli belovyd Frendes, I commaun me unto you in alle hertli wyse, Prayeinge you do hertli as I can, that ye wol calle to your remembraunces the state that we stand yn at this day, And that ye wol

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as diligentli as ye can or may with one hert, one wille and one thoughte effectualli to labour, That an ende [be] had of the bookes of the Bayliffes and Broker yn all haste goodeli, And to warne the Steward that wasse to make his booke redi ayenste my comyng hom, Fore we moste with alle the diligens that we can or may make provision [of] money to be had in short tym, ore we be like to be sore hurte, and that God defend, Fore we have had to moche. And as [for] Sir John Tyer, he cam not yn the courte sith he come by the thadvyse of Ingoldesby by cause of callyng fore money, Fore he seith that he most have yet xxx*li.* and more to fenysh thaccompte of Walter Fetplace, The whiche ys to me right straunge so moche money so moche money (*sic*) as he receyved the laste yer, and this yer to, I can not understond hit. Y remytte hit to your Wysedomys. And as fore thacompte of William Nedam ther ys yet no peny paid but the bare fees by John Tyer now. Wherefore Sires these matteris most be thought upon right specialli. And yn goode feith Sires I doute not but and ye wol with goode herte and wille, undevided and withoute eny ambiguyte every man hertli and diligentli, putte his honde, we shal onys be brought oute of thraldom. Tharle of Wiltshir wasse made Tresorier of England on Sonday laste paste, And under-tresorier ys one Grymesby that wasse Clerk of the Jowelles the which made grete attendauns aboute the Kyng in his siknes. As fore chaunge of any othir officeris ther ys none yet. And as fore Janeis, upon Tuysday they had ther counsell assigned unto them, both Sergentes, And Prentises of Courte. And so moche to do wol be amongst them, God spede the right. The lordis be wroth with them, As hit ys seide. As fore John Tyer by thavyse of Ingoldesby hit wasse thought better to be at home than here for his lyeing here sholde but putte us yn coste and none availe tille the silver be redi, And x*d.* a day is not a litil coste ye knowe welle. I can no more but I beseche God gyde us yn alle oure werke, and have you ever in his gracouse governauns Amen. Wreten hastili at London the ij^{de} day of Novembre A^{o} 37 Regis Henrici VI^{ti} By yowr own W. Clerk, Mair.

— Henry VI., October 17; Suthampton. Richard Gryme, Mayor of Suthampton, and his bretheryn to John Ingoldesby, Recorder of the same town. Right Worshipfull Sire, We commaunde us unto you, and for as moche as we be credibly enfourmed this same daye that the Eschekyr and all other courtes ben enjourned as for this tyme, We praye you hertelye to sende us redy worde by the brynger herof What day that the Mayer most come up for his accomptes on lesse that he myght be excused by youre good helpe and mene, Also se as yersterday here was one Richard Parker, Secretarye with my Lord of Exeter, and broughte with hym acquytaunce under my lordes sele and his signe manuell for the last halfe yere, And seide un to us that my lord prayde us so fayre to be payde here and seide he had never so grete myster ne nede that he is payde. Wherefor We alle praye you in case ye can in any wyse to delyvere the sele to eny of my lordes Counseill theyre and to helpe that we were delyvered of that office. And the seide Richard Parker tellith us that he will move my lorde theryn, And helpe thereto to all that he can, for we tolde hym what hurte and lost hit was unto us. And as for the bille of x*li.* x*s.* that have yf ye seme hit be to do, to take x*li.* of hit and to pay Umfray Hayford, Receive of hym the acquytance that ye knowe of. We remitte hit hoolly to youre discrecion. Also I praye you to sende home a note of the Inquisicioun for the Aliens siller, that hit may be made up clere ayenst I come to myne Accomptes. Also we alle praye you hertely to send us home by the brynger herof a bille of alle youre receytes and the emploiyng of the same, and We will upon

that devyde hit in the Stywardes bokes as nede is, And make a redy alle the money that we may in alle hast possible whatsom evyr byfall by the grace of Allmyghty Jhũ whiche have you and all youres nowe and ever in the blessed gouvernance. Writen in haste at Suthampton the xvij daye of October.—By Richard Gryme, Mayer, and his Bretheryn. To oure right trusty welbelovyd John Ingoldesby, Recorder of Suthampton.

— Henry VI., October 22; London. The Earl of Warewyk and Salisbury to the Mayor of the town of Hampton. Right trusty and welbeloved I grete you wele, And where as I am enfourmed by my Right Trusty and Welbeloved freinde Sir Symon Mountford knight that at the late beyng there of the Lord Scalis and othres the Kinges our souverain Lordes Henry the Sext Enemyes and Rebelles a karville bilonging unto the same Sir Symon beyng there in that water was by thaim spoiled and robbed of thappareiles thereunto bilonging contrarie to right and conscience, and the King our said soverain lordes lawes, I therefore willing our Servaunt to bee restored of his said vessell with thapparales desire and pray you and also on our said souverain lordes behalve charge you that ye see the said Karvelle with thappareile wheresoever it be founde to be restored and delivered unto John Bygton this bringar without faile, as ye entende to do me pleasur, and god kepe you. Written at London the xxij^{ti} day of October. Therle of Warewyk and Salisbury Grete Chambrelain of England and Capitaine of Calais. R. Warwyk.—The Earl's signet on this worn paper is fairly preserved and is encircled by a rush ring.

— Edward IV., December 11; London. Robert Ratclyf, Portour of Caleys, to John William of Southampton, merchaunt.—Trusty and Welbeloved, I commaunde me unto you mervelyng greetly that ye ded not content and paye to Thomas Avan nowe beyng Sheref of your Town xx*s*. the whiche I wrote unto you fore: Conideryng the speciall letters to you directed by my Lord of Worcestre, that tyme beyng Tresorer of England, whous soule god pardon, that ye shold unto me and unto William Wade squyer of the kynges hous deliver suche vitell for the kynges Shippis as I shold thenke nedefull and necessary to the seid Shippis. I chargid you with noo more, but with the bill of xx*s*., the whiche I undrestand is unpaide as yet. Wherefore I will that ye paye the seid xx *s*. unto the seid Thomas Avan as that ye will eschewe a gretter inconvenience. Wretyn in London the xi. day of the moneth of Decembre. By Robert Ratclyf, Portour of Caleys.

— Henry VII. Copy (on paper) of the bond, in the sum of fifty thousand crowns of gold (to the Emperor Maximilian, and Charles Prince of Spain, &c.), of Thomas earl of Arundell, John earl of Oxon, Henry earl of Northumberland, Thomas earl of Surrey, George earl of Salop, Henry earl of Essex, Thomas earl of Darby, Charles Somerset lord Harbort, Thomas Fyneux lord Dacre, John Bouchier lord de Berneys, William Blount lord Mountjoy, Thomas Darcy lord Darcy, William Conyers lord Conyers, lord Henry Stafford, and also the Mayors, aldermen, sheriffs, bailiffs, constables and communities of the counties, towne and vills of London, York, Coventre, Norwyche, Exeter, Chestre, Worcester, Bristow, Southampton, Boston, Hull, and Newcastell; For the due performance of the marriage of Charles Prince of Spain either Cicely and Jerusalem with the lady Mary daughter of Henry the Seventh of England, within forty days after the completion of the said Prince's fourteenth year, in accordance with the treaty for the same marriage made on 21 December 1507 between the said King of England of the one part, and Maximilian "tunc Romanorum Regem

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nunc vero electum in Romanorum Imperatorem . . . . ac eundem Principem Hispanie auctoritate tamen et expresso consensu eiusdem Regis Romanorum . . . . ac serenissimam et preclarissimam dominam Margaretam Austrie et Burgundie viduam Ducissam Flandrie &c. . . . . ex altera parte." The document, covering fourteen pages, endorsed, "This is the Copy of the bond for the Mariage of the Most noble and excellent Lady, my Lady Marye the Daughter of our most Dreadd Soueraigne Lord King Herry the VII[th]."

—, —., September 7; Eshere. (Copy of a Letter from) The Bishop of Winchestre to Hugh Pakenham. Right trusty and right Welbeloved, We grete you wele, Puttyng you in knoliche that we have tithinges out of Normandie How the Frenshe men been redye with a grete powere and purpose to execute thare malice ayens this londe bothe uppon the see and also like as they did the last yere at Sandwyche at this [? season] for to lande in summe other places. A variance that is betwixe the Cite of London and men of Courte and dyvers other grete matiers that now been in hande causen the Kinge to leve his purpose of ridinge northwarde and wol abide here nygh aboute London and soo hath commaunded us and other lordes of his Counselle for to do so also to thentent that yf any grete and sodayn case falle that the lordes shal mowe hastily be assembled and take suche direccion of redresse therinne as shalbe for the suerte wele and honour of the Kynge and his Reaume, and this causeth us that we may not kepe oure purpose of comyng to Hampshir at this tyme, Whiche bothe for to have seen a goode and sadde rule sette there for the sauf garde of that cuntre and other grete matiers touchyng oure cure and charge, and also for our disporte, We wold right gladly have doon, but seth We may not come in our owne persone, We shall sende in to the cuntre suche ordinaunce we have purveied for the defence of the same, And yf any grete liklihode of jeopardie be thought suche feliship as we have aboute us shal be there witnout delaye, redie to make resistence. We have writen this same daye to the Maisters of the Kinges ordinance for stuffes to be hadde in the Castell of Hampton for keping therof. It is seide that there be in Hampton iij or iiij traitours that have promised it unto the Frenshe men, And therfore We praye you to comune with gentilmen of the cuntre and also with the Maire and summe other trusty and sadde men of the same towne in that matier, and to praye thaym for to see wysely aboute thaym. Ther be Commissiones of Arraye sente oute in to alle the Shires aboute the See-coastes from Cornewale unto Yorkshire for kepinge of the same, which I trust with Goddys helpe shall do grete goode, And our Lord have you alweye in his keping. Writen at Eshere the vij[th] day of Septembre. W B of Winchestre.

—, —., July 9; Westminster. Lords of the Council to the Mayor of Hampton. After oure hartie commendacions, Whereas you have receyved unto your warde and custodye Robert Barry and Harry Whight, lately apprehended for a robbery and haynous murder committed by them wythin the Kinges Highnes realme of Englonde (*sic*), and delivered unto youre handes by Wylliam Bowrman bearer hereoff, being servaunt to Sir Antony Sentleger knight deputye of the saide realme of Ireland (*sic*); Forasmuche as itt is thowght good the sayde two offendoures be tried in the country where the dede was doon, his Majesties plesur is you shall nott onely deliver the sayde Barry and Whight unto the saide Wylliam Bourman to be by hym convayed thither, butt shall allso assigne unto him suche your officers and assistance att his costes and charges as the same may safely be by them and him convayed to Bristow. Wherof we pray you nott fayle. From

Westminster the ix^th of July. Signed by T. Audeley, Chauncellor, and five others.

[1544], April 26, Westminster. Lords of the Council to the Mayor and other officers of Southampton. After our harty commendacions, Where we be enformed that there remayneth at this present within that the Kinges Majestes porte of Southampton two Crayers laden with grayne and other vitialles provyded in those partyes to be transported to Calays for the furniture of his hieghnes garrysons theire and at Guisnez, and that uppon feare of Ennemyes uppon that cost the same differre to departe without some conduite, His Ma'tes pleasyre is in cace theire be any shippes theire furnished for the Warres, You shall requyre the Capitaines of the same by His Majestes name to see the sayd Crayers wafted to Calays aforsayd for the more sure conveyance of the sayd vitailles thither accordingly. Thus fare you hartely well. From Westminster the xxvi^th of April.

—, —., October 21, . . . (Copy of Letter from) Lord St. John and Thomas Earl of Southampton, to the Lord Chief Justice, Sir William Berkelye, George Poulet and Thomas Whighte, and the other Justices of the Peace of the County of Suthampton. For the speedy setting forth by the said county, under the command of Mr. Lee, the bearer of the letter, of a hundred men armed and weaponed in accordance with the requirements of the Lords of the Council. Signed W. Sentjohn, Thomas Suthampton.

— — . Letter from Francys Dawtrey to the Mayor and his brethren of Southampton. Giving orders in accordance with letters from the Lords of the Council, for the speedy setting in array of the forces of the shire "againste suche yvell dysposed parcons whiche aire rysen now to the dysquietinge of the whole realme." No date.

1548, January 30; Somerset Place. The Duke of Somerset to the Mayor and officers of the town and port of Southampton. For the safe custody of a certain hoy named *The James*, laden with goods of certain merchants of Antwerp and others, and also for prompt enquiry whether the same hoy and goods be lawful prise.

1548, February 12; Somerset Place. The Duke of Somerset to the Mayor and his brethren of Southampton. For the restitution of certain wines and other "goods to Dunstone Aues, John Van Tright, Henry Grenerice and Henry Wendyll of the Stilliard," and for the compensation of the same four merchants in respect to such of the same wines and other goods as may have been pilfered or conveyed away since they were received by "one John Robbins capten of a bark at Dover."

1548, February 29; Somerset Place. Lords of the Council to the Mayor and other the Kinges Majesties officers within the Towne of Southampton. After our harty commendacions, Undrestanding that certen parcelles of waie expressed in the ende of this letter remayne there at Hampton which by sundry circumstances we juge not wel taken we have thought good to require you first to make serche where any such be who brought them thither and what ye can gather for the suspices, cause it to be well tryed out, and stayd till further knoweledge hens' advertising us what you shal fynde in the matier. Thus fare you hartely wel. From Somerset Place the xxix^th of Feb. 1548. Signed, Somerset and others.—With the following note at the bottom of the letter,—

First, Lii Ballettes of peper,
Item, xxxij Ballettes of ginger,
Item, vij^c peces of Callycow cloth,
Item, vi hoggesheddes of cloves,
Item, ij pipes one hoggeshed of grayn to grayn cloth.

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1548, March 22; Westminster. Lords of the Council to the Commissioners "for the tax and order of levieng the relieve graunted to his Majestie in thys late parliament within that his Majestes Towne of Southampton." Setting forth the various causes of His Majesty's present need of money, and the considerations that should make his subjects furnish the needful supply with alacrity and cheerfulness.

—, April 20; the Court. John Lyle to the Mayor and officers of town and port of Southampton. For an exact return of the ships, with the burden of their tonnage and names of their masters, and also of the whole number of the fishermen and mariners within the said town and port.

1549, May 6; Grenewich. Lords of the Council to Edward Bisshopp, Mayor of Southampton. Bidding the mayor deliver to the Spaniard Salcedo the 100*l.* taken from him on suspicion by the said mayor; it being found on enquiry that the said Salcedo has Mr. Leke's passport, licensing him to depart at will beyond the seas.

1549, May 15; Grenewich. (Copy of letter from) Lords of the Council to the Sheriffs and Justices of the Peace within the County of Southampton. Ordering the said Sheriffs and Justices of the Peace to have the power of the said shire in "arredines" and employ the same with vigour for the suppression of the turbulent movements of certain lewd persons, it having come to the lordships' knowledge "that sondry light folkes of the counties of Somerset and Wiltshire have attempted to stirr in great companies upon pretence of libertie proclamacions against enclosures."

1549, May 20; . . . . . W. Seint John and John Ryther to the Mayor and his brethren of the town of Southampton and John Mylle esq. of the same place. After right hertie commendacion, Forasmoche as the Kinges Majestie by thadvice of my Lord Protector and other the Lordes of the Councell have appointed certen shippes to sea for the preservacioun of the kinges subjectes traveiling the seas betwene the Mounte and Portesmouthe dailie, and another nombre of shippes at Dover for that parte of [the] narrowe seas, another nombre for the northe parte, for the defence of thenemyes and the preservacioun of His Graces owne subjectes, whiche shippes appointed for youre cost [have] been appointed to vitell at Portesmouthe and to be aided and holpen as nede shall require with you and other portes betwene you and the Landes Ende, for the which vitellinge Barney, this bringer, is appointed to have the charge, to whom We hertelie pray you to be aiding and assisting in all that you may, for the better and more spedie furniture of the said provision in tyme of necessitie. Thus fare you hertelie well. Written this xxth of Maii 1549. Your loving friendes, W. Seint John, John Ryther.

1549, May 26; . . . . . Lord St. John and the Earl of Southampton to the Mayor and His Brethren of the town of Southampton and John Mylle esq. After right harty commendacioun, Forasmuch as dyverse frayle persons in Overton and other places of the Shere have latelye shewed ther mysorder and disobedyence by routing and gathering together, doing unlawful dedes ayenst the Kinges Peace, for the redresse whereof the Kinges Majesties plusure ys by thadvice of the Lord Protector and other his graces counsaill that order be gyven by the Justices of the Peace for the staye of his Graces people in good order and obedyence in every county: For the accomplishement whereof wee dyvyded the Shere amonges the gentlemen, and wreten lyke letters to them as wee do to you for the towneshippe of Hampton, which ys alloted to you: This shalbe to desyer in the behalf of the King's Majestie to call the constables of every hundred to you alloted discreatly without rumour charging them in the King's

behalf to gyve order to the saide men of everye parishe within your saide hundredes to see the Kinges people in ther parishe in good order and obedyence, and that the constables for ther parte see dayly to the good observation of the same and to the spedy punyshement of every offendor, calling for ayde and counsaill to you from tyme to tyme as the case shall requyer lyke as you must do to other commyssyoners, yf you shall see cause, gyving order that the watches in every towne and borowghe be well kepte according to the statute, and with more nombre than hath heretofore been accustomed, bycause of this disorder, putting your selfes and the honest and wyse inhabytauntes of every hundred discreatly in some redynes to meate togythere for the redresse of suche as shall fortune to mutyne and confederate to dysorder themselfes, and for the ayde of your company, in ther quarters or the next Sheres adjoining yf such nede shall requyer: Wherin we desyer you in the behalf of the Kinges Majestie to use youre wysdomes and discretions with the moost dylygens you maye: And hereto you shall receyve a paper of the devyson of the Shere as therby you maye knowe with whom to proceede for counsaill and ayde in this the said service. Wretyn the xxvith day of Maye 1549. Yo^{r} Loving Frendes, W. Seint John.—
Thomas Southampton.

1549, June 25; Syon. The Duke of Somerset to the Mayor of Portsmouth and the Mayor of Hampton. Mandate to the said Mayors to provide promptly a convenient vessel for the transporation of one hundred soldiers to Alderney, whither the said soldiers under the conduct of the bearer of the epistle, Robert Trokefild, are ordered to proceed in the King's service.

1549 July 13; Syon. The Duke of Somerset to the Mayor of Southampton. We commend us unto yow, and undrestonding that one friar Wigg hath of late used language there of the limitation of the kinges majesties reigne nothing unlikely a traytour, We will that ye furthwith upon the sight herof circumspectlye apprehend the bodye of the said Wigg and hym committ savely to prison there to remayne untill furder order be taken with hym. Thus fare ye hertely well. Fro Syon the xiij^{eth} of Julie 1549. Your loving frend E. Somerset.

1549, July 23; Winchester. The Mayor and Brethren of the city of Winchester to the Right Worshipful the Mayor and his Brethren of the town of Southampton. After our hartie recommendacions, We asserteyne that we have with all diligence circumspectly searched for parson Wigge which is not to be founde within our citie, and furder we have learned that uppon thursday last past he was here, at which day his boy came and brought hym worde that yf he might be taken he sholde be commytted to ward, Wheruppon ymmediatly he departed we know not whether, but yf he happen in tyme to come to resorte hether wee will doo our dyligence for our indevor to apprehend hym by the grace of god who ever kepe you. From Winchester this xxiijth day of July. Your loving Frendes the Mayor and his bretheren of the Citie of Winchest^{r}. And furder we have sent my Lord Protectors letters unto you herein inclosed.

1549, August 7; Westminster. Lords of the Council to the Mayor of Southampton. Ordering the mayor to deliver to "Balthaser Gonsales a Portigale the xlvj^{ti} bales of white alam, nowe proved his owne proper goodes, with his ship, marriners and the tackling." Dated from Westminster.

1549, August 13; . . . . Lords of the Council to the Mayor of Southampton. For the sufficient publication of their lordships' accom-

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panying "Proclamation for the restraint of transporting of wolles beyonde the seas."

1549, August 16; Westminster. Lords of the Council to the Mayor and Aldermen of Southampton. After our harty commendaciouns, Whereas the alume and other marchandises that be stayed there in youre handes for French goodes be nowe sewed for by one Lope de Carion as factour for certen burgeleses (*sic*) and others pretending to have interest in the same, the same Lope offring to put in sufficient sureties that in cas the same goodes be proved to be Frenche they or the true value thereof shalbe restored accordingly, you shall understand that we have accorded to the same Lope his request, who havyng already put in sufficient sureties in a summe convenient before the Judge of thadmiralte to be answerable for the same goodes in cas they shalbe proved to be French within a twelvemonth and a day, We require you to se the same goodes delivered unto him accordingly, he or his factour, whom he shall send for the same, indenting with you for the delivery and receipt therof. Thus fare you well. From Westminster the xvith of August 1549. Your loving frendes &c. &c.

[1549 ?), November 5; Tichefelde. Thomas earl of Southampton to the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and burgesses of the town of Southampton. In behalf of the writer's servant John Paynton, the bearer of the epistle, who desires to become a free burgess of the said town.

1549, February 10; . . . . . Lords of the Council to the Mayor and Customers of Southampton. Reprimanding the said Mayor and Customers for disregard of previous letters touching the same business, the present epistle bids them deliver to the bearer eighteen sacks of hops found in the hoy of James Anthony the Younger, and permit the merchants claiming the said hops to take view of other goods lying in the hands of the said Mayor and Customers, and supposed to pertain to the same merchants.—Also, Letters (signed W. Saynt John and dated 25th and 30th January 1549) that are referred to in the epistle of the 10th of February, as having been disregarded.

1550, May 30; . . . . . John Vicke to Mr. Ridge, Mayor of the town of Suthampton. Announcing that he has paid the fees amounting to xxvis. viijd. for passing under the signet and privy-seal the Mayor's "bill from the king passed with his Grace's hand," and that having the same bill in his custody he is ready to deliver it to any duly authorized person, the writer sends his hearty commendations "to myn hostesse your bedfellowe."

1550, June 12, Grenewiche. Lords of the Council to the Mayor and his brethren of the town of Southampton.—After our harty commendaciouns, Whereas notwithstanding our generall letters written unto you for thenlargement of all Frenche prysoners we understand that oon John Davyd of youre towne deteyneth two Frenche prysoners, thone named Balthasar Cannyn and the other Guilliame Linguier marchanntes of Abbevile, As we do not a little marvaill thereat, So we require and charge you on the behalf of the Kinges Majestie all excuses sett a parte not only to give ymmediat order as the said Balthasar and Guilliam but all thother Frenche prysoners may be inlarged according to our former letters without paying any raunsom or other charges, And sending to us a booke of their reasonable charges we shall give order for payment. Thus we byd you hartely to fare. From Grenewich the xijth of June 1550.

1550, August 7; Wyndesour. Lords of the Council to the "Mayour of Hampton, and to John Mylles and Robert Pennegar of the saide towne, esquyres."—After our right herty commendaciouns, Whereas apon such informacioun as hath been gevyn us of certaine conference had betwen oon Parkyns the yonger, Keaper of Crokham parke in Barkeshire, and his aunte the wief of Thomas Welles the yonger towching the demande whiche she made to know of him what newes were abrode and his answer to the same, the saide Parkyns being thereupon examyned afore us standeth for the more part in denyal, We have thought good for the more certayne knowledge of the truth thereof to requyre you ioyntly to call before you the wief of the saied Thomas Welles, and in the Kinges Majesties name to charge her that she playnly and wholy declare unto us by waye of deposicioun what talk passed the xviith day of the last monthe betwen the saide Parkyns and her upon theis three pointes, That as to say towching the President in Wales, the Bushop of Wynchester, and a sturre that shuld be in this Realme before Mighlemas next greater then the sturre of the last yeares. Wherein examyning her substantially we requyre you to sende us uppe in writing her aunswers accordingly. Fare you hertely well. From Wyndesour the viith of August 1550.—Your loving Frendes, &c. &c.

1550, August 16; Gilford. The Earl of Wiltshire to the Mayor of Hampton. Requiring the Mayor "to certifie the Lords of the Councell what" he has "doon of the examynacioun of Mr. Welles the Youngers wif touching Mr. Parkyns as the Lordes of the Councell looketh for aunswer, and the yong gentleman remayneth in warde the meane while," and "desirethe greatlie to be discharged."

1550, September 4; Otelands. Lords of the Council to the Mayor of Southampton. For the prompt conveyance of enclosed letters to Jersey and Garnesey by the next convenient messenger.

19 Elizabeth, March 21; Westminster. (Copy of) Letters under Her Majesty's sign-manual and signet, to the Marquis of Winchester, the Lord Sandes, the Lord Delaware, and the rest of the Commissioners for taking General Musters in the County of Southampton, appointed in the 15th year of her Majesty's reign, "for the musteringe leveyneg and puttinge in areadines . . . in that sheire the nomber of three hundred hable men to serve as soldiers." Together with copy of the Letter of Instructions from the Lords of the Council, accompanying aforesaid writ, under Her Majesty's sign-manual.

1580, September 4; . . . . Deposition of John Worssley, Messenger of Her Majesty's Chamber for Southampton, deposing that, on serving Henry Carewe with a Letter from the Lords of the Council requiring his presence before them in respect to a controversy between him (Henry Carewe) and the Mayor of Southampton, the said Henry spoke violent and unseemly words in disrespect of the said mayor.—Also on the same paper appears copy of the following deposition dated 18 August 1580, and signed by 18 deponents: "The daye and yere foresayd Barnard Cortmill, Maior of the towne of Suthampton, William Stanely, and John Marche of the same towne, aldermen, Peter Janverin of the same towne bayliffe, according to ther auntiant custome tyme out of mynd used, came to Kaye Haven to the full staemarke there, to kepe the Admarall' Corte, at which time theye found ther Henry Carewe and one other gentillman with him, and the said Henry hadd with him three men with sordes and bucklers weapons and then and ther resisted the forsaid Maior to kepe Her Majesties Cort, with viollence revyling the said Maior and his officers, and wold have thrown the Cort Bookes

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into the sea, and when as the officer called the Corte he moked at him with loud voyce, &c., &c."

1581, December 25; Sallesburie. Garratt Swift to the Mayor of Southampton. Touching a matter depending in the Court of the Town of Southampton between the writer and one Nycholas Harris, marriner, in respect to certain apparel, of the value of 3*l.* or 4*l.*, said to have been forcibly and unlawfully taken from the said Garratt Swift by the said Nycholas Harris.

1586, October 7; London. Thomas Wylkes to the Mayor and his brethren of the town of Southampton. I received latelie by M^r^ Waterton your Towne-Clerke your verie courteouse and frendlie letter, offering unto me a burgeship of your towne for the Parliament, whereof I did, and do verie kindlie and lovinglie accept, and do yeld you my moste hartie thancks. Sithence the receipt of your said letter and my acceptance of your Burgeship, it hath pleased her Majestie so to dispose of me as to employe my service in the Low Countreys whither I am to repaire with all possible expedition, and therby forced (much against my will) to disappoint you; I doe therefore hartilie praye you to make choise of some other, that may attend that place; and if you were not or might not be speciallie provided to your better contentment, I wold be a suiter unto you to bestowe the same upon my brother in lawe, Mr. Henry Smyth, her Majesties servant, and a gentleman, that wilbe redye to doe any good indevor for the good of your towne, wherein if it shall please you to gratifie my request, I pray you to signifye your answer unto him, lodging at his Mothers at the Gilt Kye in Cheapside. And so with my verie hartye commendacions I committ you to God. From London the vij^th^ of October 1586, Your assured frend to commande.—Thos. Wylkes.

1586, October 12; . . . . . William Butler to the Rt. Worshipful M^r^ Andrewe Studley, Mayor of the town of Southampton. Letter touching the payment of the fee-farm of the town: With this "Postscriptum. M^r^ Maior, I have become an earnest sutor to you to have your favor and furtherance to make choyse of a Freinde of mine to be one of your burgesses of your Towne in this parliament. The gentleman is a very sufficient man and yf you make your election of a burgess that is noe Townesman, you cannot make choyse of a better, his name is M^r^ Sampson Leonarde, dwellinge in Kente, but yf yt please you and the rest of your aldermen to graunte me my sute, you shall heare of him at my house at all tymes when you shall have cause to use him who is a very sufficient gentleman in any matter for your Towne, and my self shall thinke my self greatly beholdinge to you."

1586, February 3; the Court at Grenewich. The Lord High Admiral (Howard of Effingham) to the Mayor and Aldermen of Southampton. Touching the difference between the Lord Admiral and the Corporation of Southampton respecting pirates' goods.

1586, February 5; London. Sir Francis Walsingham to the Mayor of Southampton. After my hartie commendacions, Whereas this bearer, Mons^r^ Dangeau, a gentleman of good quallitie and servant unto the King of Navarre, repaireth uppon occasion of busines unto the Isle of Jersey, Theise are verie earnestlie to praie you that in his passage thither he maye receave at your handes for my sake the best favor and frendshipp that you can shewe unto him: and also that you wilbe a meanes to furnish him at a reasonable price of a convenient shippe for his transportation, For the which I will thincke myself behoulding

unto you; And so I committ you to God. From London the fifthe of Februarie 1586. Your verie loving frende, Fra. Walsyngham.

1586, February 20; . . . . The Marquis of Winchester to the Mayor and his brethren of Southampton. Warrant for the arrest and stay of "Ughtrede's bark bound of Ireland," intelligence having come to the Marquis that the said Ughtrede hath a meanyng not only to transporte grayne but also money under coulor thereof.—Also, copy of a previous warrant, dated 16 February 1586, by the Marquis to the same effect.

1586, February 22; . . . . . George Ughtrede esq. to the Mayor of Southampton. Letter respecting the vexatious and unlawful arrest of the writer's ship at the instance of the Marquis of Winchester. Averring that in respect to the arrested ship and her cargo he is acting on the authority of Her Majesty's letters under the Great Seal, and under warrants of the Lord Treasurer and Lord Admiral, the writer begs for the removal of the restraint put upon his ship (the *God Speed* of Hamton, bound for Ireland) at the order of the Marquis of Winchester. "Let me," he writes, "further advertyse you, that owre corne and goodes are aborde the shyppe, that heere are 30 poore menne att greate charges which are to goe for Her Majisteys servise, the wynde serveth fayre for the vyage as you and all mene maye see. I requyre youe to suffer the shippe to departe, as youe woll answer the defectes of her maiestyes servyses and the hynderawnces of us adventurers." On the paper appears a copy of the Lord Admiral's warrant for the passage of "The good shipp called the *God Speed* of Hamton of 40th tonns or thereabowtes, wherof John Wyse is master . . . . . licensed to depart for Irland with the goodes of Henry Ughtright and Henry Billingsley esquyers, for the repeopling of Mounster."

1587, July 7; the Court at Greenwich. Lords of the Council to the Mayor of the town of Southampton. Ordering restitution of certain raisins and other merchandizes to Mons^{r} de Bordeaux, a Frenchman, the said raisins and other things of merchandize having been taken from a French ship, wrongfully captured and carried into the Isle of Guernsey by Sir Thomas Leighton knt., under the impression that it was a Spanish vessel.

1587, July 28; Carisbrooke Castle. Sir George Carey to M^{r} Andrewe Studley, Mayor of Southampton. M^{r} Maior, Wheras yeasterdaie theare was a moste detestable robbery committed neare Christchurch uppon a French gentleman, whoe was sent over from the Kinge of Navar unto Her Majestie uppon affaires of especiall ymportaunce and secrecye; For that one of the Felons ys retired to shrowd himself in your Towne, and lieth secretly hydd in a sister's howse of his, which passeth for a maied, dwelling about 4 or 5 howses from the Watergate, whose mother one Daie of your Towne married, The offender's name being George Jhonson: Thease shalbe earnestlie for Her Majesties especiall service to requier you, to use more then ordinarie care by the assistaunce of some men of credytt, to make secreat and sufficient search for this partie and to seaze into your handes all such letters, writinges and commissions as anie wayes maie be compassed, and him to send over with them to mee, with such expedicion as possiblely (*sic*) maye be used. The service you shall doe herin to Her Majestie shalbe very acceptable. And so I committ you to the tuicion of the only Almighty. From Carisbrooke Castle the 28 of July 1587. Your very loving Friend, George Carey.

1587 August 11; Deptford. The Lord High Admiral (Howard of Effingham) to the Mayor of Southampton. Requiring the said Mayor to appear at the writer's court at Southampton and answer for "certaine

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misdemeanoures and abuses that have bin of late offered by certaine shippes belonginge to Mr Cotton."

1587, October 2; Portsmouth. The Earl of Sussex to the Mayor of the Towne of Sowthampton. After my very harty commendacions, Wheras one Henry Canter, as it is informed, and knowen to the Lords of Her Majesties most honourable privie Councell, is a notorious malefactor, and order taken for his apprehension, for so muche as he the said Henry Canter is well knowen to be come home in a Fliebote, lyenge at your Towne of Sowthampton, called the Ellyn of Weymouth and Milckam Regis, wherof one Lawrence Sprowne is Captayn, and the saied Canter appointed for Master Gonner, the owners Henry Rogers of Milckum, John Pitt, Thomas Eaton of Hampton customer, Christofer Payne and John Payne, and one John White the Master-Mate. These therfore shalbe in the Quenes Majesties name straitly to commande and chardge you that you cause diligent search to be made as well within the Towne as also in the same Fliebote and other barckes and shippes ther lyenge at Roade, and to cause hym to be apprehended and safely kepte in prison and therof to advertise me. And wheras it is also reported that Thomas Cole hath byne and is in like sorte abowte or in your towne and Libertie, either on Sea or lande, That in like sorte you cause search to be made for hym, and hym to cause to be apprehended, And herof faile you not in any wise as you will aunswere for the contrary at your perill. From Portsmouth the ij of October 1587. Your loving frynd Sussex.

1587, November 24; the Court at Ely House. The Lord High Admiral (Howard of Effingham) to the Mayor and Aldermen of Southampton. Requiring the said Mayor and Aldermen to aid and assist Simon Vincent, Frenchman and procurator for the affair, in the execution of his commission (touching "the two little ships the *Chanteresse* and the *Margaret* of Cane in Normandie, laden with wheat and other graine, lately taken at the sea and brought into the port of Southampton"), whereby the said Simon Vincent is appointed to obtain, recover and take composition and satisfaction for the said corne, distributed within the liberties of the said port. Dated from the Court at Ely House.—At the foot of the letter, a Memorandum that the Mayor and his brethren to the best of their ability assisted the said Vincent out of friendship, "but nott by vertue of the Commission," as their charters gave them no power to do so.

1587, December 8; Carisbroucke Castell. Sir George Carey to Mr Andrewe Studley, the Mayor of Southampton. Certifying the Mayor that he is misinformed respecting the powers and privileges pertaining to Mayors of Southampton as Admirals of the port, and wholly wrong and ill-directed in the matter in dispute between him and the Lord Admiral, touching "Mr John Young's prise, brought in by letters of reprisall," the writer urges Mr Studley to yield at once to the Lord Admiral, and not to offend so powerful a person by obstinate persistence in error.

1587, December 20; the Court at Somerset House. (Copy of the warrant of) Lords of Council to Robert Wedrington, one of the Messengers of Her Majesties Chamber. Requiring him to repair forthwith to Southampton, and command the Mayor of the same town to accompany him "to the Court, whear he shall undrestand at his coming the cawse of his sending for."

1587, December 26; . . . . . (Copy of Letter of) Lords of the Council to Captayne Nicholas Dawtrey. "Instruccions given by Her Majesties commandement unto Captayne Nicholas Dawtry for certain services to be done in the counties of Hampton and Dorset."

1587, December 27; . . . (Copy of a Letter from) Lords of the Council to the Marquis of Winchester and the Earl of Sussex, Lords Lieutenant of the cos. Suthampton and Dorset. For a general muster and view of all the forces of the said county, under the observation and with counsel and aid of the letter's bearer "Captaine Nicoles Dawtrey, being a man of good experience in martial affairs;" and for the execution of all measures recommended by the same Captain Nicoles Dawtrey for putting the same counties in a condition to resist foreign invaders and defeat "sundry great preparacions in foraine partes," of which "Her Majestie hath bin of latte advertised."

1587, January 23; Winchester. The Marquis of Winchester to M^r^ Andrew Studlye, Mayor of Southampton. Announcing that the writer has appointed and commissioned Walter Lambert esq. to be Captain of all the able men and forces within the town of Southampton; and ordering that the said mayor "and all the inhabitantes within the saied towne and countie from the age of sixteen years to threescore be atendant, obedient, ruled and ordered by the said Capitaine in all martial affaires."

1588, March 31; Greenwich. Lords of the Council to Thomas Colstocke, one of the messengers of Her Majesties Chamber. Authorizing and instructing the said Thomas Colstocke to repair to all the port towns along the sea-coasts of Kent, Sussex, Southampton, the Isle of Wight and Dorsett, and give needful commandment to Vice-Admirals and other officers, for a general restraint of all ships, other than coasting vessels going from one port of the coast to another, in order that there may be "a sufficient store of shipps and marryners, to joyne with her Majesty's navye and serve on the seas, as occasion shall require."

1588, April 1; the court at Greenwich. Lords of the Council to the Mayor and other officers of the town of Southampton. Requiring of the said town for Her Majesty's service "two serviceable and good shippes," neither of them being of less than 60 tons' burthen, and one handsome pinnace, duly manned, victualled and furnished with munitions and necessaries for two months' service, to join with Her Highness's navy by the 25^th^ instant; it being explained that the said requisition is made in consequence of intelligence "that the King of Spain doth augment and increase his preparations," and directed that the greater part of the charges of furnishing and maintaining the said two vessels and pinnace should be paid by those merchants of Southampton who "have sette forthe certen shippes in warlike sorte by waie of reprisall," and thereby "have receaved no small benefitt."

1588 April 16; . . . . . The Lord High Admiral (countersigned by Sir Francis Walsingham) to William Harteley, one of the Messengers of Her Majesties Chamber. Warrant to repair with all possible expedition to the Commissioners of London, Southampton and the Five Ports, "appointed for the setting forthe of shipps to joyne with Her Majesties navie on the narrow seas for the service of the realme, and to give them knowledge and warninge in Her Highness name that the same shipps and pinnaces which they are appointed by the Lords of the Counsell to furnishe maie be in a readiness at Gorend vpon the xxvij^th^ of this present moneth at the farthest, to attend upon me and to receive no farther direction." Signed.—Yonr Loving friend C. Howard; countersigned, Fra. Walsingham.

1588, April 19; Barnelams. Sir Francis Walsingham to the Mayor and his brethren of the town of Southampton. Acknowledging the receipt of a letter in which the said Mayor and aldermen declare their inability, by reason of the poverty of the town, "to beare the charge

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requyred at their handes for the preparing and setting out of twoe shippes and a pynnaise."

1588, April 20; Caresbrooke Castle. Sir George Carey to Mr. Andrew Studley the Mayor and his brethren of the towne of Southampton. Respecting certain wines, which the Mayor and his brethren have seized as having been unlawfully bought of Captain . . . . , and which the writer requires in rather overbearing terms to be released to him, as wines lawfully bought by him of a Scottish ship.

1588, October 20; the Court at St. James's. (Copy of letter from) Lords of the Council to Her Majesty's Attorney-General and Solicitor-General. Asking for the opinion of the lawyers on the matter (touching right to goods of pirates brought into the port of Southampton), in dispute between the Lord High Admiral and the Town of Southampton.

1588, December 5; the Court at Greenwiche. The Lord High Admiral (Howard of Effingham) to M^r^ Bullocker, the Mayor of Southampton:—M^r^ Maior, Nowe you maye perceave to what good effecte you have broughte your purposes againste me and my office whiche I am sure the folowers of the cause here have certified you of, And althoughe theire punishmente be but small for theire and your obstinate contemptes, yet looke not but that if this example shold not disswade you from the like you shold abide a far more greavouse and sharpe punishmente accordinge to the merite of such an offence, aswell by your personall punishmentes as losse of youre liberties and allowed privileges. And for those goodes and prisoners whiche you have so presumptuously detained from me under pretense of your owne righte nowe confuted and utterlie confounded, Theise shalbe straightlie to charge and commaund you presentlie uppon the receate herof to deliver unto this bearer my servant William Dudson aswell all those goodes and prisoners whatsoever, the ship Pines, and all thinge unto them apertayninge at such time as they were first ceased into your handes, And wheras I understand that you have with like presumption taken into your handes a wedge of gold belonginge unto my selfe and one Holidaie, theise are in like manner to charge and command you to deliver unto my saied servante Dudson the same and all other goodes that you have in your keepinge which is apertaininge unto the saied Holidaie, Whereof fayle you not at your uttermoste perille. From the Courte at Greenwiche, the 5 of December 1588.—Youre freind usinge me well, C. Howard.

Post:—You wente the laste tyme verie speedely oute of the towne, but if you dispatche not theise thinges forthwith, I will send for you with heave-an-hoe.

1588 December 13; the Court at Grenewiche. (Copy of Letter from) Lords of the Council to all Vice-Admirals, Mayors, &c. Enjoining the said Vice-Admirals, Mayors, &c. to be vigilant and active in assisting the Commissioners recently appointed for the discovery of goods taken and conveyed away by pirates, and for the apprehension of the pirates.

1588 December 29; the Temple. (Copy of Letter from) Mess^rs^ John Popham and Thomas Egerton to the Lords of Council. The joint opinion of the two lawyers on the matter, touching prises made at sea, in dispute between the Lord High Admiral and the Mayor of Southampton; whereby their lordships were certified that the Mayor was altogether in the wrong.

1588 January 26; Richmond. (Copy of the) Order of Lords of the Council, That (a controversy having arisen between the Lord High

Admiral and the Town of Southampton touching right to pirates goods) the Mayor and aldermen of the said town shall send at or before the 10th day of February next ensuing some persons (of whom Alderman Andrew Studley is to be one) with charters &c. to establish their case, and That the Mayor aldermen and rest of the inhabitants of the said town abide by the decision of their Lordships on the matter.

1589 January . . . ; the Tower of London. Sir Owyn Hopton knt. to the Mayor of Southampton. Warrant for the apprehension of "one Rauffe Norrice late of Lymehowse in the Countye of Midds. marryner, beinge abowte the age of xxxti yeres, with a yellowe bearde, wantinge twoe fingers on one hand and one on the other," who is charged with embezzling great quantities of Her Majesty's gun-powder.—At the foot of this warrant appears the undertaking (dated at Southampton on 24 March 1589) of John Powell to answer to this charge of embezzlement in Her Majesty's Office of Thordinannce, provided the Mayor of Southampton release from durance the said Rauffe Norrice, who is guiltless of the said embezzlement, which was committed by a person who "has receaved the lawe."

1589 January 13; the Court at Richmounte. Sir Francis Walsyngham to the Mayor of Southampton. Warrant (drawn in strenuous terms) for the immediate apprehension of Gerrard Swyfte who, notwithstanding the said Mayor's representations to the contrary, is believed to be lying hid in the house of his father-in-law, one Jamwaringe; and also, in case the said Gerrard Swifte cannot be discovered and apprehended, for the apprehension and safe transmission to the Court of the said Swifte's father-in-law.

1589 January 24; the Courte at . . . . Sir George Carey to Mr Peter Stoner, Mayor, and Messrs Smyth and Eaton, customers, of Southampton. Letter of instructions that some person, described by the writer as "a very honeste man an neighbour of myn in Thislande" should be permitted to carry and pass away in the West Country "certaine maulte of his, to the quantitie of a hundred quarters, which he bought in the cuntrey and brought to your town, purposing with your leaves to passe it into the Weste Cuntrey, beinge (as I take it) a matter of course for that kinde of graine, goinge but from one Porte to another, and to relyve oure owne neighbours being people of our countrey."

1589 January 30; the Court at . . . . F. Knollys, Gregory Lovell and Alexander Hordey to the Mayor and burgesses of Southampton, Touching the provisions of wines for Her Majesty's use, in respect to which the Mayor and burgesses are said to have been wanting in forwardness and duty.

1589 February 2; the Court at Greenwich. Sir George Carey to Mr Peeter Stoner, Mayor of Sowthampton. For the free passage, without "lettes or molestacion," of the bearer of the epistle, William Ivysshe, the writer's servant and captain of the barke *Yonge*, who proposes "to take in at the Isle of Wighte certain victuall for his provision which is my adventure in this his pretended voiage."

1589 February 5; . . . . The Earl of Pembroke to the Mayor of Hampton. Thanking the Mayor for assistance rendered to his servant Vowclier, the earl begs that certain ships and goods may be stayed in the port of Southampton, until order may be taken for the protection of the rights of the writer and Sir Walter Rawleigh.

1589 February 11; Chester. Lord Howard of Effingham to the Mayor of Southampton. Expressing approval of the course taken by the Mayor

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"in dealinge with Mushgrome's man that soughte soe indirectlie the possession of the goodes broughte in by Mr Moore."

1589 February 15; Wilton. The Earl of Pembroke to the Mayor of Southampton. It having come to his hearing that the Mayor and his brethren of Southampton, without awaiting the decision of a higher court to which an application has been made in the matter, have determined to proceed to the sale of certain goods, one third part of which is claimed by him (the writer) and Sir Walter Rawleigh as pertaining of right to them, the Earl in overbearing terms orders that no wrong be done him and Sir Walter, who will remain content with nothing less than a third of the arrested goods, or a third of the money for which the whole of the goods shall be sold.

1589 February 18; . . . . Edward Hopton to the Mayor of Southampton. Touching the Lord Admiral's urgent demand for his tenth of certain goods, and the appraisement of the goods of which his lordship is entitled to a tenth. "I[am]dryven" the writer observes quaintly at the end of his epistle, "to kepe my lodging a whyle, being entred into physick: therfore I requyre you to pardon my absence."

1589 March 3; the Court at Grenewiche. Sir Francis Walsingham to the Mayor of Southampton. For the free passage out of the port of Southampton of the writer's servant, William Gilbert, who "meanyth to bringe abowte the shippe he hathe there with some parte of her ladinge for his own use."

1589 March 6; the Court at Greenwich. The Lord High Admiral (Howard of Effingham) to the Mayor of Southampton. Warrant for the delivery to Thomas Browne and Charles Evans, gentlemen, of the whole of a certain "prise of Bastard wynes and figges taken by Captaine Hayes," in order that the same may be disposed of, in accordance with an order of the Lords of the Council.

1589 March 7; the Court at Greenwich. Lords of the Council to the Deputy-lieutenants of the county of Southampton. For the appointment of Justices of the Peace and other gentlemen of the county of Southampton, dwelling near the sea-coast, to take order and make needful proclamations in ports, havens and creeks, for a general view and enrolment of all the mariners and fishermen of the said county, "to thende that there may be a good choice had of apt and sufficient men for her Majesty's service, as there shall be occasion to emploie them."

1589 March 7; my howse at Debtford. Lord Howard of Effingham, the Lord Admiral, to all his Vice-Admirals and other officers of the Admiralty, &c. Requiring them to aid the bearer of the epistle, Jaques Invance, who has been "by the French Ambassador appointed as his Deputie on the behalf of the French kinge to take and receave the on fifthe parte of all suche goodes and Frenche prises as shall happen to be taken and brought into those partes."

1589 June 4; Winchester, Sussex. The Marquis of Winchester and the Earl of Sussex to the Mayor of Southampton and the captaine of the footebandes within the towne and countie of Southampton. Letter of directions and instructions for provision of match and powder for her Majesty's service, and also for a muster and view of the trained bands within the liberty of the said towne and county of Southampton. Signed, Winchester, Sussex. Endorsed, "My L Markes and my L of Sasackes for a maystar and proveshin of povder shotte and mache."

1589 June . . ; Southampton. (Rough draft of a letter from) The Mayor of Southampton and his brethren to the Lord—. "Right Honorable uppon the receipt of your Lordship's letters of the xijth of this instant,

and your honourable promiss ther in conteyned for the benefitt of this power towne of Southampton as before uppon your honourable and kinde speaches used to some of our comburgesses about the Impost of Sweet Wynes, albeit your letters aforesaid cam verrie late fer that therle of Essex and Sir George Cary made earnest meanes for the same, yet uppon hope your Lordship will patronyse the weale and state of the said Towne, We have not onlye by our concent and the burgesses incorporated your Honour of our corporation, but alsoe granted unto your Lordship the impost of sweet wynes at suche rate as our late good Lord therle of Leycester held the same for the terme of six yeares if your Lordship so long live after the end of such terme as was graunted to the said Earle of Leycester, which we desier your Lordship to accept in as good parte as the same is ment, and praye your Lordship's resolution, and we shall rest yo^{r} Lordships reddie as dewtie requireth, &c."

1589 August . . ; the Court at Nonesuche. The Lord High Admiral (Howard of Effingham) to the Mayor, aldermen and jurates of the town of Southampton. After thanking the said Mayor aldermen and jurates for electing him into their Corporation, and granting him a lease of the Sweet Wines, the writer continues, "But whereas I finde by my Lord of Essex (whom I accompt of and love as mye dearest freind) that the said lease will greatlie pleasure him in respect of other leases which he houldeth from Her Majestie, and as I would not prejudice him in any thinge that might be for his good, beinge given to understand that he was a suitor and had some hope to have the same lease graunted unto him before his departure out of England; soe I doe surrender over into your owne handes my said lease as freelie and effectuallie as it was graunted unto me, and yet notwithstandinge will thinke my self continually as moch behouldinge unto you for the same as if I should possess and enioye it in as ample sorte, as it is graunted unto me."

1589 November 11 ; my howse at Barmondsbye. The Earl of Sussex to the Mayor of the Town of Southampton. For the speedy payment, by the Master and owners of the ship called *The Trewe Dealinge* of Hampton, of the money due to James Mayre, pilot, for his service in piloting the said vessel "uppon the Last Staye of the shippes at Hamton for the traunsportinge of men to Deepe."

1589 November 3; . . . Thomas West to the Mayor, controllers and searchers of the town of Southampton. Announcing the receipt of the Orders of Lords of the Council "for the restrainte of grayne and other victuall now laden, or hereafter to bee laden to be transported without speciall licence had and obteyned from some one of their Honors"; and requiring the said Mayor, controllers and searchers to take order within their port for the execution of the said orders of their Lordships.

1589 November 12 ; the Court at Richmond. Lords of the Council to the Marquis of Winchester, the Earl of Sussex, the Lord Bishop of Winchester, and Lord Sandes and the rest of the Commissioners appointed for the restraint of grain and victual in the County of Southampton. Requiring strict and vigilant observance of orders for restraining corn from exportation to foreign parts, their Lordships make reference to the recent rise in the prices of grain and every kind of victuals, in consequence of abuses of the late permission of the exportation of grain and other victuals "for relief of the armey sent oute of England for the aide of the Frenche Kinge."

1589 November 22; Netley. The Earl of Hertford to Mr. Peter Stoaner, Mayor of Sowthampton. Requesting that one Captain

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Gremees, now under arrest at Southampton, be forthwith sent to the writer, who has some personal dealings with the said captain. It is promised in the letter that, having settled these private matters with the captain, the Earl will return him safely to the Mayor.

1589 November 30; London. Sir Julius Cæsar to Mr Peter Stoner, Mayor of Southampton. Letter of injunction that justice be forthwith done to the letter's bearer, George Hooper, in respect to his cause depending in the said Mayor's Court; with an intimation that, should the epistle fail to have the desired effect, "there will be complainte made unto the Lords of Her Majestes most Honorable Privie Counsell."

1589 December 16; the Court at Richmond. Sir Francis Walsingham to the Mayor of Southampton. Enjoining the said Mayor to assist to the utmost of his ability the bearer of the epistle, to execute a warrant for the arrest and safe conveyance to the Lords of the Council of Captain Gerard Swift, who "hath very disorderly robbed one Pierce Halle a frenchman of Deepe, and taken from him his shippe with such money and furniture as he had in her."

1589 March 22; . . . . . Sir Francis Walsingham to the Mayor of Southampton. In behalf of the writer's servant, the bearer of the epistle, who "is hardlie used by one Captaine Morris and others his parteners, who under a colour of consortshippe have caused a shippe and goodes" taken by the writer's said servant, "to be kept theare under arreste for the one halfe of the saied goodes pretended to dew unto him he said Morris and his parteners."

1590 April 27; Aberstone. The Marquis of Winchester to the Mayor and Captain of the town and county of Southampton. For the immediate calling forth and setting in arreadiness the forces of the said town, news having been received of a number of Spanish ships now at sea.

1590 May 4; . . . . Her Majesty's Commissioners for causes ecclesiastical in the diocese of Winchester to all Mayors &c. For the arrest of John Moody of Suthampton and his safe conveyance before the said Commissioners; with further order that "if he be so weake and sicklie that he cannot without daunger of his health be brought" before the same Commissioners, he shall be bound "with sufficient suerties in a round somme to Hir Highnes use, that he the said Moody shall make his perconall appearance before" them "within two daies warning to be left at his new dwelling-house in Hampton at the Palace of Woluesey near Winchester."

1590 May 14; the Court at Greenwich. The Lord High Admiral (Howard of Effingham) to the Mayor of the town of Southampton. A courteously and considerately worded letter, explaining to the Mayor that he and his brethren have no right to "intermeddle with reprisall causes."

1590 March $\frac{5}{15}$; London. Letters by John Delafin, Lorde of Beauvoir &c., ambassador of the Most Christian King with Her Majesty the Queen of England, appointing one Invance as his substitute to take and receive for the said King the fifths of certain prises due to His Majesty, to wit "a shipp of New Haven named the *Flowre de Lys*, of he burden of fowre scores tons or thereaboutes, being laden with Raisins of Maleger for a marchant named John de Palme Carille dwelling in Roan, and a barke of the burden of xx^{ti} tounes or thereaboutes laden with Orenges," the said ship and bark so laden having been taken by Wylliam Guilber, by virtue of the authority given him by the said John Delafin, Lord of Beauvoir &c. "to make war for his said Majestie againste the rebels and leggers." Dated "in London the fyfth

and xvth of Marche olde and new stille one Thowsand fyve hundreth fowre score and tenth."

1590 March 7; . . . . Michiel Leeman to the Mayor of Hampton. Setting forth the orders of the Lords of the Privy Council for the disposition of "saertain quantite of Bastard and figgs" appertaining unto "sundrie marchantes" of Amsterdam, "in whose behalf the estates Generall of the Vnitid Provincis and the Count Mowricius have written verie aerneslie to the Loordes" of the said Council.

1592 September 3; . . . . The Marquis of Winchester to the Mayor and the Captain of Southampton. Requiring the presence of the said Mayor and Captain at Winchester, to receive important instructions; intelligence having come to the writer of the approach of a large fleet of ships, set forth by "the Spanish Kinge and legers"; their purpose doubtless being to make an attempt on the Isle of Wight or some maritime part of the county of Southampton. The superscription of the epistle closing with, "Hast, hast, hast for Life. Constables, postes, tithingmen see this letter safelie conveyed and delivered accordinge the direction att your uttermost perilles."

1592 September 6; . . . . Memorandum of instructions for the safe keeping of "the Towne and Countie of Southampton." With order for a general view by the Mayor and the Captain of the weapons and military furniture of the said town: signed Winchester.

1596 December 4; London. Frances Wilkes (Lady Wilkes) to William Wallopp esq., Mayor of the town of Southampton. In behalf of the writer's cousin Smythe, who is at law in the Mayor's court concerning a certain annuity due to him out the lands of one Mr. Crooke. Endorsed "My Lady Wilkes lres for endinge of the matter betwyne Mr. Croke and Smithe."

1596 January 16; the Court at Whitehall. Thomas Wilkes to William Walloppe esq., Mayor of Southampton. Announcing that the mayor's messenger is discharged with an answer from their Lordships that will doubtless satisfy His Worship; and giving thanks for the mayor's favour to the cause of Clement Smyth, commended to His Worship by the writer.

1599 August 8; . . . . John Jefferey, Mayor of Southampton, to all Justices of Peace &c. and all Vice-Admirals &c. For the assistance of Captain Thomas Stockwell, in the execution of his commission to set to sea in a pinnace, and ply to and fro between the coasts of England and France, in accordance with letters received by the writer from Lords of the Council, for the discovery of the movements of the Spanish fleet. With copy on the same paper of the aforementioned letters of Lords of the Council (dated from the Court at Nonesuche), requiring and commanding the said Mayor "to sett some two or three Pinnaces or Nimble vessells unto the sea out of that harborowe that maye goe to the coast of Fraunce and plye up and downe betwene that coast and ours," for the purpose of gaining intelligence of the movement of the approaching enemy.

1617 July 16; . . . . Hughe Darvall to the Mayor of Sowthampton. Giving intelligence that twelve sacks of wool have been landed at the quay of Lymington, in order that (with the connivance and aid of Mr. Asshe and others of the chief wool-merchants of Sowthampton) they may be laden and carried away by wayne in the afternoon, to the loss and injury of the town of Sowthampton in respect to customs.

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1617 October 22; . . . . (Copy of the) Order of Council (touching a corporation desired by the Londoners of such as trade into Spaine and Portugall) for adoption by Mr. Secretary Lake, Mr. Chancellour of the Exchequer and Sir Edward Coke knt., to the effect "that it is neither fitt nor convenient to give way to any such Charter of Incorporacion, as it is sought by the Londoners, but to leave every man to that lyberty and freedome of trade as hath beene followed since the making of the said statute" (of 3 James I, "for the disannulling of a former charter") "and that if theire greviances be such in theire course of trade for want of government as the Merchantes of London doe complaine of," the said merchants should "make remonstrance thereof to the next Parliament, and receive such further order there as shalbe expedient."

1618 May 18; . . . . Memorandum (with signatures) of the resolution of the Merchants and Owners of Shipping of the town and port of Southampton, "That the money to be paid according to the Councelles Letters for suppressing the Pirates shall be raised ratablie uppon their goodes and marchandizes to be exported and imported unto and from this towne."

1618 February 9; the Court at Whithall. Lords of the Council to the Mayor of Southampton. Directing the Mayor to ascertain what sum the Merchants and shipowners of Southampton will contribute to the fund for suppressing pirates at sea, and more especially the pirates of Argeire and Tunis; it being expected by their lordships that the said merchants and shipowners will not contribute less than 300*l.* within the next two years towards a service, for which the merchants and shipowners of London have promised to levy 40,000*l.*

1618 February 22; Southampton. (Fair copy of letter by) The Merchants and Owners of Shipping of the town of Southampton to Lords of the Council. Declaring the readiness of the writers to contribute sums of money amounting in all to 92*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* "towardes the performance of that worthy service" proposed to them by their Lordships' letters of the 7th [? 9th] inst.; the one half of the said sum to be levied before the 1st of next April, and the remaining half to be ready for delivery in accordance with the lordships' pleasure.—Also, under the same date, a copy of the letter addressed by Mr. Prowse, Mayor of Southampton, to the Lords of the Council; informing their Lordships that, in accordance with their letters of the 7th [? 9th] inst., he called together the Merchants and Owners of Shipping of the town of Southampton, "Whereupon as well the said Marchauntes (beinge but fewe in number, and some of them but of meane estate) as alsoe the Owners of those Shippes and Barckes which are of this Towne (being but eight, and of smale Burthen) have willingly engaged themselves under their handes to contribute towards that worthie worke of suppressing and prosecuting the Pyrates in your Honors' said letters mentioned, severall somes amounting in the whole to fourscore and twelve poundes iijs. iiijd."

1618 February 26; the Court at Whithall. Lords of the Council to the Mayor of Southampton. Acknowledging the engagement of the Merchants and shipowners of Southampton to contribute "92*l.* odd" towards the fund for suppressing pirates at sea, especially those of Argier and Tunis, their lordships require the contribution to the service to be increased by 58*l.*

1618 March 1; Southampton. (Copy of Letter by) Mr Prowse, Mayor of Southampton to the Lords of the Council. Certifying their Lordships that though, in accordance with their letters of the 26th of February he has urged the Merchants and Shipowners of Southampton to levy an

entire sum of 300*l.* towards the fund for the suppression of pirates at sea, the whole result of his strenuous endeavours in the matter is that four of the chief merchants have undertaken to make the sum of 92*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*, already promised, up to a total of 100*l.* for the whole service. The letter concludes with this statement of the poverty and commercial humility of the town :—"And therefore all the said Merchauntes and Owners doe nowe againe in all humblenes desire your Honours (their estates considered) to accept of this hundred pounds by such payments as aforesaid, alleadging that verie fewe of them doe use any Trade at all into the Straytes, being (as they say) debarred by the Company of Marchauntes Tradinge the Levant Seas from ymportinge any of the Commodyties of those countries into this kingdome, and even soe most humbly referring the premisses and the smalle Trade of Merchaundizinge and shipping in this towne to Your Lordship's favorable consideracions."

1618 March 10; Whithall. Lords of the Council to the Mayor of Southampton. After reflecting in severe terms on the coldness and backwardness shown by the Merchants and shipowners of Southampton, towards the expedition against pirates-at-sea, their lordships continue, "Wee are nowe to require you without further delay or excuse to proceede really to the leavyinge of the full sum required, according to the direccions of our former letters of the 9th of Februarie last, Or otherwise that yourself and twoe of the Aldermen of that towne doe make your present repare unto us, to show cause why the same is not preferred."

1618 March 20; Southampton.. Schedule of "Rates agreed one for the Levying of iiic*li* to be raysed uppon the Marchantes and ownours of this towne, for a contribution towardes the suppressinge of the Turkish Pyratts, commaunded by the Lords and others of the Privie Councell &c. &c."

1618 May 22; Southampton. (Copy of Letter by) Mr. Prowse, Mayor of Southampton, to the Lords of Council. Certifying their Lordships that, having in accordance with their lordships letters of the 10th of last March called upon the Merchants and Shipowners of Southampton to levy the total sum of 300*l.* for the suppression of pirates at sea, he can only report that the said Merchants and Shipowners "have nowe agreed to add 50*l.* to the 100*l.* by them formerly promised, which 150*l.* they have sent by the bringer hereof."

1619 April 18; Whithall. Lords of the Council to the Mayor of Southampton. Announcing that, as His Majesty has determined to defer for a brief while the expedition for the suppression of pirates at sea, especially those of Argier and Tunis, "there is order taken by Privie Seale for the repayment of the money" levied and paid into the Exchequer by Merchants and shipowners of Southampton towards the charges of the said service.

1619 May 14; Southampton. (Copy of Letters of Attorney, dated by the) Mayor and bailiffs of the town of Southampton to John Fennell of London, leather-seller; empowering him to receive in their behalf the sum of 150*l.* heretofore levied and paid into His Majesty's Exchequer for the suppression of pirates at sea, order having been taken by Privy Seal for the repayment of the said sum of 150*l.* to the contributors.

1619 July 12; Southampton. (Copy of letter by) Mr. Prowse, Mayor of Southampton, to Lords of the Council. Certifying their lordships that (though the Merchants and shipowners of Southampton levied and paid into His Majesty's Exchequer, in accordance with the Lordships'

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letters, the sum of 150*l.* "towardes the suppressing of the Pirattes at Sea, especially those of Argier and Tunis," and though by letter of the 18th of last April their Lordships signified "that there was order taken by Privie Seale for repaiement of the said money") the writer has vainly endeavoured to get the promised repayment of the said money.

1632 April 30; Whitehall. Lords of the Council to the Mayor and aldermen of the town of Southampton. For the appointment of one or two fit persons to represent the said town at a conference of deputies from the ports with Lords of the Council, for the purpose of taking needful measures to secure the English Trade into France from certain hindrances and interruptions.

1632 February 28. Memorandum of Resolutions, touching "the suppressing of the Turkes of Argire and Tunnis," agreed to by "the Deputyes for the Cittye of Exon, and the Townes of Plymouth, Barnestable, Dartmouth and Waymouth, and Melcomb Regis."

1633 April 10; . . . . (Copy of) Order of Lords of Council, touching measures for the suppression of the Turkish Pirates at Argiers.

1633 May 10; . . . . (Copy of) Order of a Committee of the Lords of the Council (dated, Starchamber, 10th of May 1633), touching measures for the suppression of the Turkish pirates at Argiers.

1633 May 21; Whitehall. Lords of the Council to the Mayor and Aldermen of the Town and County of Southampton. For the appointment of one or more persons of the said town to appear as a deputation, fully authorized for that purpose, at a conference of representatives of the ports with Lords of the Council, to conclude measures for the protection of merchants and their goods from Turkish pirates, in accordance with a petition lately exhibited to His Majesty "in the name of the Inhabitants of the Westerne Ports of this Kingdome."

1633 June 29; . . . . (Copy of) Order of Council, in accordance with the Report and Humble Petition of the Deputies for the cities of London, Exeter and Bristoll, and for the towns of Plymouth, Dartmouth, Weymouth, Totnes, Barnestaple, Lyme-Regis, Dorchester, Poole and Southampton, appointed to devise and recommend measures for making repayment of moneys expended for securing the trade into France from certain hindrances and interruptions.

1636 March 22; . . . . (Copy of) Order of Council, for settling the contribution to be made by the Western Ports towards the charges for securing the trade of English merchants trading into France from hindrances and interruptions.

1636 (?) October 12; . . . . (Copy of) Order of Council made in accordance with the Petition of the Merchants of the town of Southampton to His Majesty the King, for exemption, as merchants of one of the Western Ports, from the impost put upon Bay or French Salt by Letters of Privy Seal dated 2 March 12 (?) Charles I. Also copy of the said Petition.

1637 March 30; Whitehall. (Copy of letter from) Lords of the Council to the Mayors of Chichester and Rey (*sic*). Requiring two or more persons from those towns to appear before the Council by the first day of next July to show cause "Wherefore the Marchauntes of those townes trading to France should not join and voluntaryly contribute with the merchants of London, &c. for the settling of the trade" from interruptions.

1637 April 30; . . . . (Copy of) Order of Council for the relief of certain persons petitioning their Lordships "in the name of the French Merchantes of the Cittie of Exeter, and compleyning that diverse of the inhabitantes of the Westerne Ports and places nere adjoyning tradeing to sea doe neglect and forbear to defray the charges and expences of such as were deputed and imployed to peticion his Majestie the last year &c."

1638. Paper of "Reasons why the sole making and vending of Salt by Thomas North and his Associates from the Towne of Barwick unto Waymouth wilbe both preiudicial to his Majesties service and unto the Peticioners."

1638 April 25; [London]. The Recorder of Southampton to the Mayor of the same town. Announcing that the King has arranged "the differences concerninge the Corporation of Salters with the Scottishmen and M^r^ Murford," the Recorder begs that two or three of the aldermen of Southampton may be appointed to confer with him at his lodgings in the Temple, on measures to be taken for protecting the interest of Southampton in the same matter.

1638 April 28; Southampton. Paper of "Instruccions conceaved and given to M^r^ Nathaniell Mill and M^r^ Thomas Mason, two of the Aldermen of this Towne, who are deputed and authorised by this house, with the assistance of M^r^ Recorder, to treat with the Patentees about the Salt business."

1638 November . . . . ; [Southampton]. Complaint of the Town of Southampton against a new and irregular impost of 40*s.* a tun on wine; together with a statement of the "Reasons why the merchants of Southampton and the Countrey therabouts should not be compelled to paye 40*s.* a tonne, although the merchants and vintners of London doe paye the same."

1638 November 10; [Southampton]. Paper entitled "An humble Declaracion of the discommodities and grievances arising by meanes of the late undertakers for the sole making of Salt, togither with the remedie and meanes how that business may be setled and managed with better profitt to His Majesty and more content to the Subjectes."

1638 November 15; Audit House of Southampton. Paper of "Instruccions conceived and given to M^r^ Peter Legay, one of the Merchants and Burgesses of this towne, who is deputed and authorized by this House with the assistance of M^r^ Recorder, to treate with the Patentees about the Salt business."

1638 November 29; the Inner Starchamber. (Copy of) Order of the Board sitting in the Inner Starchamber:—"Present, Lord Treasurer, Lord Privy Seale, Lord High Chamberlain, Earl Marshall, Earl of Dorset, Lord Newburgh, M^r^ Secretary Windebancke. Whereas a peticion was this day presented to the Board in the name of the Maior, Bayliffs and Burgesses of the Town and County of Southampton concerning the answering of 40*s.* upon every Tonne of wine which they shall ymport or sell in gross or by retaile, Forasmuch as the peticioners do humbly desier that they may bee heard concerning the premisses, Their Lordshipps upon consideracion had thereof doe thinke fitt and order that on Sunday next in the afternoone being the second of December, they shall bee heard what they have to say therein. Ent^r^ Will: Baker."

1638 December 10; . . . . (Copy of) the Humble Petition of Merchants and owners of Ships within the townes and countyes of Southampton and Poole and the townes of Weymouth and Melcom

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Regis in Dorset, and within the Isle of Wight, to the Rt. Hon. the Lords of the Privy Council. Against "the patent intended to be graunted unto Thomas North and his associates for the making and vending of salt" at Shields.

1668 August 13; . . . . John Herne to the Worshipful William Stanley esq., alderman of Southampton. Letter touching affairs of the borough of Southampton, and more particularly the Report (copy of which appears on the document) of Sir Moundeford Bramston respecting a certain sum of 200*l.* and interest thereon from 31 March 1631, amounting to 728*l.*

(*e.*) Rolls and Miscellaneous Documents.

(1) — Edward III. Two portions of a roll of enrolments of deeds.

(2). 7 & 8 Henry VI. Suthampton: Particule computi Johannis Bentham, senescalli ville Suthampton de omnibus recepcionibus, solucionibus misis et expensis suis per ipsum factis que ad dictam villam pertinent a festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli anno regni regis Henrici Sexti post conquestum septimo usque idem festum anno revoluto.

Idem Senescallus reddit computum de xx*s.* receptis de Johanne Stafford pro annuo redditu tenementi, quod ipse inhabitat ibidem in parochia Sancti Michaelis, siti supra forum piscium, et quod tenet de Villa per indenturam ad terminum annorum,—Et de vi*s.* viij*d.* receptis de Johanne Bole dygher pro tenemento quod inhabitat quod quondam fuit Johannis Dounclon;—Et de iii*s.* iiij*d.* receptis de Benedicto Wycheford pro tenemento suo sito in parochia Ecclesie Sancti Michaelis in Vico Francisco et quod quondam fuit Johannis Boteler;—Et de vi*s.* viij*d.* receptis de Roberto Chamberleyn pro tenemento suo sito supra Gaolam ville predicte in parochia predicta;—Et de xii*d.* receptis de Johanne Phyppe pro tenemento suo, quod inhabitat, sito in Vico Francisco et in parochia predicta;—Et de viij*s.* receptis de Thoma Frelond pro tenemento, quod tenet de villa predicta per indenturam, sito in vico predicto et in parochia predicta;—Et de ij*s.* receptis de uxore Johannis Luffe pro vacua placea quam tenet de Villa per indenturam in Bolestrete juxta tenementum Walteri Dalman;—Et de vi*s.* viij*d.* receptis de Johanne Wyllyam pro quadam Gurgite sita (*sic.*) in Aqua ex opposito Ville, quam idem Johannes tenet de Villa per indenturam pro annuo redditu supradicto;—Et de v*s.* receptis de Petro Jamys pro tenemento suo sito in Vico Anglico in orientali parte ejusdem vici juxta tenementum Thome Mannyng et quod nuper inhabitavit Petrus Pyras;—Et de ij*s.* receptis de Johanne Selder pro vacua placea quam tenet de Villa super Kayam de Westheth;—Et de xx*d.* receptis de uxore nuper Thome Armorer ibidem;—Et de viij*d.* receptis de Willelmo Ledys pro alia vacua placea ibidem;—Et de xij*d.* receptis de Thoma Frelond pro alia vacua placea ibidem;—Et de xx*d.* receptis de Johanne Johan pro alia vacua placea ibidem;—Et de xx*d.* receptis de Roberto Geffrey pro alia vacua placea ibidem;—Et de xx*s.* receptis de Johanne Bolour pro annua firma Communis Molendini Aquatici subtus Altam Crucem extra Portam domus dei;—Et de xiij*s.* iiij*d.* receptis de Johanne Emory pro alta domo Turre et vacua placea, quas Isabella Notebene tenet de Villa per indenturam ex opposito Celario et Petrine domus dei;—Et de xx*d.* receptis de Johanne Kyrkeby pro parva domo aretro murum lapideum domus dei ubi idem Johannes ponit calves suas;—Et de xx*d.* receptis de eodem Johanne pro vacua placea ex opposito Hospitali Domus Dei, ubi ipse posuit moeremium suum;—Et de xl*d.* receptis de contrarotulario pro alta domo solario celario et vacua placea ex opposito

Capelle domus dei ;—Et de iij*s.* iiij*d.* receptis de Roberto Gernesye pro Gurgite sita et fundata juxta introitum de Ichene quam tenet de Villa per indenturam ;—Et de xij*d.* receptis de Johanne Selder pro quodam gardino sibi dimisso ad terminum annorum per totam Communitatem ville, jacente aretro quoddam novum tenementum quod idem Johannes edificavit juxta portam de Symnell Strete et se extendit predictum gardinum usque ad semitam que ducit superius ad Castrum ;—Et de vi*d.* pro vacua placea juxta Molendinum Aquaticum ;—Et de xij*d.* receptis de Roberto Floryse pro vacua placea jacente supra kayam de Westheth ;—Et de viij*d.* receptis de Adam Blake pro vacua placea ibidem :—Et de . . . receptis de Willelmo Nycoll pro vacua placea supra Kayam de Westhethe juxta Rounsvale.

Summa v*li.* xiiij*s.* ij*d.*

Et de cclxxxii *li.* ij*s.* iiij*d.* ob. q^{a}. receptis hoc anno per manus Roberti Florys Ballivi ac Collectoris theolonii quarumcunque mercandisarum intrancium et exeuncium apud le Watergate, Wollebrygge, Westheth ac alibi circa Suthampton per aquam una cum firma Theolonii Aque de Lymyngton, Kyhavyn, Sharperyxe, Portesmouth, Hamele ac cum ceteris proficuis provenientibus de Cranagio, Wharvagio, Pontagio et aliis perquisitis ad Theoloneum ville predicte pertinentibus ac spectantibus ;—Et de xx*li.* receptis hoc anno per manus Adame Blake Collectoris Theolonii predicte ville de parvo Theolonio mercandisarum exeuncium per terram extra Bargate seu alibi per terram una cum Brokagio Bigarum.

Summa cccij *li.* ij*s.* iiij*d.* ob. q^{a}.

Et de viij *li.* receptis de Gregorio Catan ac Paulo Morell' pro finibus suis pro certis buttis vini de Malvesyn' forisfactis ad usum ville que vendite fuere in Aqua infra libertates contra statutum &c.—Et de xl*s.* receptis de Jacobo Spynelle pro fine cujusdam bale anisie nuper forisfacte pro interfeccione unius Januensis cum eadem . . .

Summa x*li.*

Et de x*li.* receptis per manus Petri Jamys de Paulo Morell in plenam solucionem unius anni pro integra annua firma tenementi de Westhalle sibi dimissa per Petrum Jamys tunc Maiorem termino predicto incipiente in festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli anno regni regis Henrici Sexti octavo.

Summa x*li.*

Et de lxv*li.* receptis extra pixidem de Thesauro ville per manus Petri Jamys tunc Maioris.

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Summa totalis ccciiijxij*li.* xvij*s.* vi*d.* ob q^{a}.

Inde idem Senescallus computat de vi*li.* solutis Georgio Myxstawe pro uno dolio vini rubri Vascon' dato per communem consensum per manus Roberti Florys domino Duci Gloucestrie hoc anno quando venit ad Villam Suuthampton ;—Et de x*li.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.* solutis executoribus Thome Midlyngton pro annua pensione sua de ambabus Gruibus, ut patet in certis indenturis ;—Et de c*li.* solutis per manus Robert Florys Collectoris Theolonii ejusdem ville Willimo Soper ad solvendam parcellam feodi firme ejusdem anni, ut plenius patet in libro papirio de Computo eiusdem Roberti.

Summa clxvi (? cxvi) *li.* xiij*s.* iiij.

Et de iij*li.* xx*d.* solutis Johanni Chamberleyn carpynter pro maeremio ac operacione novi pontis de Bargate ;—Et de xij*d.* solutis Johanni Hekle carter ad cariandam arenam super predictum novum pontem pro una die ;—Et de x*d.* solutis Thome Portesey laborer ad laborandum

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circa eundem pontem per ij dies capienti per diem v*d.*;—Et de ix*d.* solutis Rogero Mason ibidem operanti, per unum diem ac dimidium;—Et de xi*d.* (*sic*) solutis Johanni Mason ibidem operanti per ij dies ac dimidium capienti per diem iiij*d.* ob. (*sic*);—Et de xv*d.* solutis Willimo Mason ibidem operanti per ij dies et dimidium capienti per diem vi*d.*;—Et de ii*s.* iiij*d.* solutis Roberto laborer ibidem laboranti per vij dies capienti per diem iiij*d.*;—Et xx*d.* solutis Johanni Chamberleyn pro una pecia maeremii empta ad custodiendum paviamentum ibidem.

Summa iij*li.* x*s.* v*d.*

Et de v*s.* solutis Johanni Forster et Thome Swanesy operantibus circa reparacionem Nove Stabule (*sic*) subtus altam domum sitam erga Capellam domus dei per vj dies quorum quilibet capit per diem v*d.*;—Et de v*d.* solutis pro una pecia maeremii;—Et de iij*d.* solutis pro una borda ad faciendum le Rakke ac le Manger;—Et de iiij*d.* solutis pro una cera empta pro eodem stabulo (*sic*).

Summa vi*s.*

Et de xv*d.* solutis Johanni Forster et Thome Swanesy operantibus circa reparacionem et emendacionem Gruis de Watergate quorum quilibet capit per diem v*d.* ob. videlicet per unum diem ac dimidium;—Et de viij*d.* solutis Francisco Mersshe ac Petro Carpynter operantibus ibidem per unum diem;—Et de viij*d.* solutis Johanni Duffelde carter pro cariagio maeremii illic ad levandam dictam Gruem;—Et de vi*d.* solutis pro uno potello pinguedinis porcorum empto pro eadem Grue;—Et de viij*d.* solutis Johanni Estewell pro duabus peciis maeremii emptis pro eadem Grue; Et de xxxii*s.* iiij*d.* solutis pro una cabula sive nova corda empta pro ambabus Gruibus pondere ccdi. x*li.* precio le c. xiij*s.* iiij*d.*; Et de ij*s.* iiij*d.* solutis Roberto laborer una vice laboranti circa mundacionem ambarum Cayarum per vij dies capienti per diem iiij*d.*;—Et de iiij*d.* solutis Richardo Uppe pro emendacione unius poleye pro Grue occidentali;—Et de xviij*d.* ob. solutis eidem Ricardo pro spykyngys emptis pro emendacione ferri kayarum ac graduum ibidem;—Et de viij*d.* solutis pro uno poley de novo empto pro occidentali Grue;—Et de vi*s.* solutis pro uno potello pinguedinis porcorum pro eadem Grue;—Et de xij*d.* ob. solutis Rogero Seweyne operanti circa dictas kayas per ij dies et dimidium capienti per diem v*d.*;—Et de iiij*s.* solutis Thome Pertesy ad mundandam et purgandam occidentalem kayam;—Et de ii*s.* solutis Roberto laborer ad purgandas et mundandas ambas portas de Godyshouseyate ac Westhethe ibidem laboranti per vi dies capienti per diem iiij*d.*;—Et de xx*s.* solutis Johanni Crowe pro annuo stipendio suo ad custodiendum commune orilogium;—Et de xvi*d.* solutis Thome Norman ad cariandum fimum a domo aqueducti erga ecclesiam Sancte Crucis per preceptum Maioris;—Et de xii*d.* solutis Roberto laborer ad purgandum et mundandum vicum juxta dictam domum aqueducti ibidem laboranti per iij dies;—Et de xiij*s.* iiij*d.* solutis Johanni Pole deputato domini Admiralli pro una bala de Anyse pro uno homine interfecto;—Et de vi*d.* solutis pro uno potello pinquedinis porcorum pro empto Grue de Watergate.

Summa iiii*li.* vi*s.* x*d.*

Et de xix*s.* solutis pro ix virgis et di. panni stragulati emptis pro liberata Willelmi Chamberleyn et Johannis Flemyng precio virge ii*s.*;—Et de xxij*s.* vi*d.* solutis pro vi virgis et iiiq^{a} panni viridis coloris emptis pro liberata dictorum Willelmi et Johannis precio virge iij*s.* iiij*d.*;—Et de xxx*s.* solutis pro una duodena ac una q^{a} panni coloris emptis pro liberata iiij servientium Ville;—Et de xxviij*s.* ix*d.* solutis pro xvij virgis ac i q^{a} panni stragulati precio virge xx*d.* emptis

pro liberata dictorum quatuor servientium;—Et de iij*s.* solutis Willelmo Mose sherman pro tonsura panni stragulati de liberata Ville;—Et de ij*s.* solutis eidem Senescallo ad equitandum Sarum ad emendam liberatam predictam;—Et de xxvi*s.* viij*d.* solutis Willelmo Chamberleyn pro annuo stipendio suo;—Et de v*li.* solutis Johanni Flemyng Communi Clerico pro annuo stipendio suo;—Et de xiij*s.* iiij*d.* solutis Benedicto Wycheford Communi Atturnato Ville predicte in Communi Banco;—Et de xiij*s.* iiij*d.* solutis Johanni Hengeston Communi Atturnato Ville in Banco domini Regis;—Et de iiij*li.* vi*s.* viij*d.* solutis quatuor servientibus Ville pro annuo stipendio suo;—Et de iij*s.* iiij*d.* solutis pro furrura Communis Clerici;—Et de xiij*s.* iiij*d.* datis subinter (*sic*) ad retournandos amicos Ville in quadam Jurata inter dominum Regem ac Maiorem ac Ballivos Ville Suthampton pro bonis ac catallis Johannis Wellyng felonis qui fugam fecit propter occisionem Nicholai Peyntour, Et de ij*s.* solutis Willelmo Grene pro annuo stipendio suo ad pulsandum ad Communes Assembles;—Et de v*s.* iiij*d.* solutis per manus Petri Jamys pro quatuor virgis panni stragulati emptis pro liberata Johannis Craneman;—Et de iiij*s.* solutis pro ij. virgis panni coloris de Monstrevyllerys emptis pro dicta liberata.

Summa xviij*li.* xiij*s.* iij*d.*

Et de xl*d.* datis per preceptum Maioris cuidam Ministrallo domini Cardinalis.

Et de xl*d.* datis per preceptum Maioris ii ministrallis domini Thesaurarii Anglie.

Et de viij*d.* solutis pro i lagena vini Vasconie data Ricardo Holte (or Hokte) Justiciario Pacis per preceptum Maioris.

Et de xvi*d.* solutis pro ij lagenis vini datis Johanni Lysle armigero.

Et de ij*s.* solutis pro iij lagenis vini datis per preceptum Maioris domino Mauricio de Berkeley.

Et de iij*s.* iiij*d.* solutis Georgio Mixstowe pro v lagenis vini expendendis super Maiorem ac socios suos in Adventu domini Ducis Gloucestrie.

Et de iiij*d.* solutis pro serevisia eodem tempore pro predicto Maiore.

Summa xiiij*s.* iiij*d.*

Et de xij*d.* solutis Johanni Helyer pro i quarterio Calcis Vive empto pro emendacione de Bargate.

Et de xij*d.* solutis Willelmo Martyn pro i novo Whelberghe.

Et de ij*s.* allocatis eidem Senescallo ad equitandum Sarum ad emendam liberatam officiariorum ville.

Summa iiij*s.*

Et de ij*s.* vi*d.* solutis per manus Willelmi Chamberleyn pro uno brevi de libertatibus allocandis directo Justiciariis de Banco domini Regis ad Cartam Ville coram eis allocandam;—Et de ij*s.* vi*d.* solutis per manus prefati Willelmi pro i alio brevi de eadem Natura directo Justiciariis de Communi Banco super allocacionem carte predicte;—Et de iiij*s.* solutis per manus prefati Willelmi Thome Haseley pro scripcione unius brevis directi 'Offic' de Bayona' sub magno Sigillo pro libertatibus dicte carte ibidem allocande;—Et de viij*d.* datis per manus prefati Willelmi clericis predicti Thome Haseley;—Et de xx*s.* solutis per manus prefati Willelmi pro feodo dicti Magni Sigilli;—Et de xl*d.* datis per manus prefati Willelmi Thome Rolfe ad essend' de Consilio eiusdem Ville in Banco domini Regis super allocacionem carte predicte;—Et de xl*d.* datis . . . . Johanni Vampage pro consilio suo in eadem materia;—Et de v*d.* solutis pro vino dato Hugoni Holcote Capitulari Clerico de Banco domini Regis;—Et de ij*s.* solutis in eodem Banco pro Waranto de Atturnato recepto pro Waltero Fetplace ac aliis costagiis ibidem;—Et de

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xiiij*d.* ob. solutis in uno gentaculo dato predicto Hugoni Holcote ac Andree Hennescote ac aliis;—Et de ij*s.* solutis pro scrutinio prime allocationis carte predicte;—Et de vi*d.* solutis pro copia dicte allocacionis;—Et de ii*s.* vi*d.* solutis pro i brevi pro dicta carta allocacionis coram Justiciariis Assisarum in comitatu Suthampton;—Et de iij*d.* ob. solutis in vino dato Hugoni Holcote;—Et de xiij*s.* iiij*d.* datis predicto Hugoni pro irrotulacione dicti Recordi quando libertas Ville super cartam allocata fuit;—Et de vi*s.* viij*d.* solutis Andree Pylle clerico Rotulorum pro feodo suo super eodem Recordo;—Et de xl*d.* solutis clerico dicti Andree pro feodo suo super eodem Recordo;—Et de i*d.* soluto pro sigillacione eiusdem Recordi directi Maiori et Ballivis Ville Suthampton;—Et de iij*s.* iiij*d.* solutis per manus Willelmi Chamberleyn Nicholao Conyston ad essend' de Concilio Ville;—Et de xl*d.* solutis Troket pro irrotulacione placiti;—Et de xiij*s.* iiij*d.* solutis pro eadem materia Johanni Aglyon;—Et de xii*d.* solutis pro i pari ciroticarum dato Attournato domini Regis, ut plenius patet in iij cædulis presentibus consutis.

Summa iiij*li.* iii*s.*

(The three schedules of particulars still remain attached to the Roll.)

Et de xxx*s.* solutis in diversis expensis ac solucionibus factis circa Anniversarium Johannis Malmeshylle.

Et de vi*s.* viii*d.* solutis Johanni Stonhard latamo (*sic*) operanti circa domum Aqueducti per xij dies, capienti per diem vi*d.*;—Et de vi*s.* viii*d.* solutis Johanni Norton operanti ibidem per xij dies;—Et de vi*s.* viij*d.* solutis Willelmo Mason operanti ibidem per xij dies;—Et de iiij*s.* solutis Thome Patryngton operanti ibidem per xii dies;—Et de xii*s.* solutis Johanni Stonard operanti ibidem alia vice a xxvi die Februarii usque xxvi diem Marcii;—Et de x*s.* vi*d.* solutis Johanni Norton operanti ibidem per iii septimanas ac iij dies;—Et de xij*d.* solutis Willelmo Mason operanti ibidem per ij dies;—Et de iiij*s.* viij*d.* solutis Ricardo Wherewell operanti ibidem per i mensem, capienti per septimanam xiiij*d.*;—Et de iii*d.* solutis pro i borda empta ad idem opus;—Et de vi*d.* solutis Johanni Duffeld pro cariagio ii carectarum zabuli ac i carecta petrarum;—Et de ii*s.* ii*d.* solutis Roberto laborer ibidem per vi dies ac dimidium, capienti per diem iiij*d.*

Summa lv*s.* j*d.*

Et de vi*s.* viii*d.* solutis Johanni Stonard latamo (*sic*) operanti circa Aqueductum per xii dies;—Et de vi*s.* viii*d.* solutis Willelmo Shorwell operanti ibidem per xii dies;—Et de iij*s.* solutis Thome Patyngton operanti ibidem per xii dies;—Et de xij*s.* solutis Johanni Stonnard operanti ibidem alia vice per i mensem;—Et de x*s.* vi*d.* solutis Johanni Norton operanti ibidem per iii septimanas et iii dies;—Et de iiij*s.* viii*d.* solutis Willelmo Shorwell operanti ibidem alia vice per i mensem;—Et de vi*s.* viii*d.* solutis Johanni Stonhard operanti ibidem alia vice per xij dies;—Et de iij*s.* solutis Johanni Norton operanti ibidem alia vice per vi dies;—Et de ii*s.* iiij*d.* solutis Ricardo Shorwell operanti ibidem alia vice per xii dies;—Et de ii*s.* viii*d.* solutis Johanni Pavyour operanti ibidem per vi dies;—Et de ii*s.* solutis Roberto laborer operanti ibidem per vi dies;—Et de vi*d.* solutis Johanni Duffeld pro ii pottys de zabulo ac i pott petrarum.

Summa iij*li.* viii*d.*

Et de vi*s.* viii*d.* solutis Johanni Stonhard operanti alia vice circa predictum Aqueductum per xii dies;—Et de vi*s.* solutis Johanni Norton operanti ibidem alia vice per x dies;—Et de ij*s.* solutis Ricardo Shore-

well laboranti ibidem alia vice per x dies;—Et de iij*s.* iiij*d.* solutis Roberto Laborer laboranti ibidem alia vice per x dies;—Et de ix*d.* solutis Petro Carpynter operanti circa opus predictum per i diem ac dimidium;—Et de ii*s.* iii*d.* solutis Johanni Kent pro cariagio ix pottes zabuli et cleye;—Et de xij*d.* solutis Sampsom Maycok ad eundum usque Seynt Elyne Wade (?) ad emendum ibidem petras pro opere predicto;—Et de v*s.* iiij*d.* solutis Johanni Stonhard operanti alia vice circa opus predictum per viii dies;—Et de iiij*s.* iii*d.* solutis Johanni Norton operanti ibidem per viii dies ac dimidium;—Et de xviii*d.* solutis Ricardo Shorwell laboranti ibidem alia vice per viij dies;—Et de iiij*s.* vi*d.* solutis Johan' Pavyour operanti ibidem alia vice per novem dies;—Et de iij*s.* solutis Roberto laborer ibidem laboranti alia vice per ix dies;—Et de vs. solutis Ricardo Burgeys pro ferro ac operacione ii gratarum ferrearum pondere dimidii cxvi*li.* ferri;—Et de ii*s.* vi*d.* solutis pro twystys ac hokys ferri pondere xx*li.* emptis pro hostio domus Aqueducti erga ecclesiam Sancte Crucis;—Et de xiiij*d.* solutis pro lx clavis ferri cum stanno dealbati emptis pro hostio predicto.

Summa . . . . .

Et de ii*s.* solutis Waltero Carpynter operanti circa clausuram subtus pontem de Bargate pro salva custodia aqueducti ibidem per iiij dies;—Et de xiij*s.* vii*d.* solutis pro cc di' iiii*li.* ferri pro factura Gratarum ferrearum predicti Aqueducti, precio C, v*s.* iiij*d.*:—Et de vi*s.* viij*d.*; solutis pro iiii^{or} quateriis calcis vive emptis ad opus predictum;—Et de xij*d.* solutis pro vino et serevisia emptis per vices pro jurata curie legalis;—Et de i*d.* soluto pro pice ac Rosyn;—Et de xxvij*s.* ii*d.* solutis Bartholomeo Plomer pro fixione et imposicione gratarum ferrearum fixarum in muro lapideo domus aqueducti;—Et de v*s.* x*d.* solutis Johanni Kyrkeby pro i quarterio Sowder empto pro fixura dictarum gratarum ferrearum; Et de v*s.* x*d.* solutis Nicholao Coursy pro i alio quarterio de Sowder empto pro opere predicto;—Et de viij*d.* ob. solutis pro pice sepo carbone ac ligno emptis pro eodem opere;—Et de xvi*d.* solutis pro iij bordys emptis de Johanne Chamberleyn pro hostio predicto;—Et de xij*d.* solutis eidem Johanni pro factura hostii predicti;—Et de ix*s.* iiij*d.* ob. solutis uni homini Wyntonie pro v quarteriis ac v b^{z} calcis vive emptis pro opere predicto precio le quarter xx*d.*;—Et de iiij*s.* viij*d.* solutis Johanni Stonard operanti circa predictam domum Aqueducti per vij dies capienti per diem viiij*d.*;—Et iij*s.* x*d.* ob. solutis Johanni Norton operanti ibidem per vij dies capienti per diem vi*d.* ob.;—Et de xvi*d.* solutis Johanni Wherewell laboranti ibidem per vij dies;—Et de iii*s.* vi*d.* solutis Johanni Pavyour operanti ibidem per septem dies capienti per diem vi*d.*;—Et de ij*s.* iiij*d.* solutis Roberto laborer ibidem laboranti per vij dies, capienti per diem iiij*d.*;—Et de x*s.* viij*d.* solutis Petro Lokyer pro factura ij gratarum ferrearum pondere c q^{a} xij*li.*; Et de vij*s.* vi*d.* solutis eidem Petro pro iij longis barris ferri ville factis pro eodem opere pondere c di xxv*li.*;—Et de viij*d.* solutis eidem Petro pro nova cera empta pro hostio domus Aqueducte predicte;—Et de xv*d.* solutis Johanni Duffeld pro cariagio vi pottes zabuli ad idem opus;—Et de xvj*d.* ob. solutis Johanni Kent pro cariagio vij pottes zabuli ad idem opus;—Et de vi*s.* viij*d.* solutis Johanni helyere Wyntonie pro iiij^{or} quarteriis calcis vive emptis pro eodem opere;—Et de xj*s.* solutis Ricardo Corneo pro xviij peciis petrarum magnarum emptis ad idem opus;—Et de vij*s.* viij*d.* solutis Waltero Stylle pro cariagio dictarum petrarum emptarum pro volta operis predicti;—Et de ij*s.* solutis Petro Jamys pro iii vacuis pipis emptis ad idem opus;—Et de iiij*d.* solutis Johanni Compton pro iiij*li.* picis;—Et de i*d.* soluto eidem Johanni Compton pro ij*li.* rosyn;—Et de i*d.* ob. solutis

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eidem Johanni pro i quarterio cere empto ad idem opus;—Et de viij*s.* solutis Johanni Stonard operanti ibidem per xij dies;—Et de vi*s.* vi*d.* solutis Johanni Norton operanti ibidem per xii dies;—Et de ij*s.* iiij*d.* solutis Johanni Wherewell laboranti ibidem per xij diesi —Et de ii*s.* ii*d.* solutis Johanni Pavyour operanti ibidem per iiij^{or} dies;—Et de v*s.* v*d.* solutis Willimo Mason operanti ibidem per x dies;—Et de v*s.* v*d.* solutis Ricardo Romsey operanti ibidem per x dies;—Et de iiij*s.* solutis Roberto Laborer laboranti ibidem per xij dies:—Et de xij*d.* solutis Ricardo Stylie in parte solucionis pro caragio magnarum petrarum emptarum apud Wathe vocatarum 'Scaplyd Stonys' pro volta predicta precio cujuslibet doliate xvi*d.*;—Et de iii*s.* x*d.* solutis eidem Ricardo per manus Johannis Compton;—Et de ii*s.* solutis Johanni Duffeld pro cariagio dictarum petrarum;—Et de x*d.* solutis Johanni Kent pro cariagio zabuli.

Summa. ix*li.* xxij*d.* ob.

Et de xi*d.* solutis per manus Johannis Compton pro C et. di.' ligni empt. ad usum Aqueducti pro plumbario;—Et de ix*d.* solutis per manus ejusdem pro C q^{a} ad idem opus;—Et de xxii*d.* ob. solutis per manus ejusdem Johannis pro xv bȝ calcis extincte emptis ad idem opus;—Et de vi*d.* solutis per manus prefati Johannis pro. di. c. de clavis ferri vocatis Spykyngys;—Et de iij*d.* solutis per manus prefati Johannis pro di c. clavorum;—Et de xlij*s.* solutis per manus prefati Johannis pro vii^{c}. plumbi emptis de Petro Jamys ad idem opus precio c., vi*s.*;—Et de ij*d.* solutis pro i corda empta ad idem opus;—Et de xij*s.* solutis pro c̄c plumbi emptis ad idem opus;—Et de viij*d.* solutis pro Cligni empt. ad idem opus;—Et de vi*d.* solutis per manus eiusdem pro ij 'meylys' emptis ad idem opus;—Et de ii*s.* vi*d.* solutis sibi prefato Johanni Compton pro x*lb.* de Sowder emptis pro opere predicto;—Et de xiiij*d.* solutis per manus Johannis Compton plumbariis portatoribus et laborariis;—Et de xij*d.* solutis Willelmo Martyn pro i bȝ salis empto ad idem opus;—Et de vi*d.* solutis pro di' c ligni;—Et de i*d.* soluto pro candelis;—Et de v*d.* solutis per manus ejusdem pro i vanga empta ad idem opus.

Summa iii*li.* v*s.* viii*d.* ob.

Et de xxx*s.* solutis per manus Petri Jamys pro i capite porci vini Vasconie dato per communem consensum Willimo Brokays vicecomiti pro amicitia sua habenda in quadam jurata retournata inter dominum Regem et Villam Suthampton pro bonis ac catallis Johannis Wellyng &c.—Et de xiij*s.* iiij*d.* solutis per manus eiusdem Petri Willelmo Chamberleyn ad solvendum Johanni Hengescote nostro Communi Attournato in Banco Regis;—Et de vi*s.* viii*d.* solutis Clerico Justiciariorum domini Regis ad irrotulandam cartam ville.

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Et de iiij*s.* solutis per manus prefati Petri Johanni Saundrez de la Pole pro iiij doliatis petrarum emptis pro opere de Bargate;—Et de xi*s.* solutis ac datis pro honore Ville xi ministrallis domini Regis ac Ducis Eborum;—Et de v*li.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.* solutis Johanni Bartelot per manus prefati Petri pro composicione muri lapidii juxta Castrum in grosso pro labore suo;—Et de xl*d.* datis eidem Johanni per manus prefati Petri pro rewardo suo in eodem opere;—Et de viii*d.* datis per vices per manus prefati Petri dicto Johanni et sociis suis in potacione;—Et de vi*s.* viij*d.* solutis Marinariis pro cariagio dictarum petrarum ab Insula Vecta.

Summa vi*li.* xix*s.*

Et de xxx*s.* solutis per manus Petri Jamys maioris in expensis suis ac Willelmi Chamberleyn ac Johannis Flemyng pro se et eorum quinque

famulis et eorum octo equis in equitando ad Novum Sarum ad ibidem tractandum ac concordandum cum Roberto Lange armigero pro perquisicione de Westhalle, ac pro victualibus et vino ibidem expendendis super dictum Robertum Lange ac famulos suos eadem vice ibidem morando super concordiam predictam ac domum redeundo per iiii^{or} dies;—Et de x*s.* solutis ibidem clerico Statuti Mercatoris pro ii Statutis

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Mercatoribus in quibus tenebamur eidem Roberto in summa vi*li.* pro empcione tenementi predicti;—Et de xxvi*s.* viii*d.* solutis per manus prefati Petri eidem Roberto in parte solucionis expensarum suarum pro se ac aliis feoffatis dicti tenementi ad veniendum usque Suthampton pro seisina eiusdem tenementi nobis liberanda secundum ordinacionem Consilii nostri;—Et de vi*s.* viiii*d.* solutis pro iii quarteriis avenarum emptis apud Suthampton erga adventum prefati Roberti ac feoffatorum predictorum;—Et de ii*s.* solutis pro xij burdanys feni emptis eodem tempore pro eodem Roberto;—Et de vi*d.* solutis pro stramine eodem tempore pro eodem Roberto;—Et de viij*s.* iiij*d.* solutis pro gentaculo dicti Roberti ac famulorum suorum eodem tempore in adventu suo;—Et de vi*s.* vi*d.* solutis per manus prefati Petri Jamys adventus in crastino pro alio gentaculo ejusdem Roberti ac famulorum suorum;—Et de ij*s.* viii*d.* solutis per manus prefati Petri pro iiij^{or} lagenis vini expendendis ibidem tempore deliberacionis seisine tenementi predicti;—Et de iiij*s.* ix*d.* solutis per manus prefati Petri pro alio gentaculo tempore seisine predicte;—Et de xl*d.* datis per manus prefati Petri clerico dicti Roberti pro labore suo ac pro amore dicti Roberti;—Et de xx*d.* solutis Roberto skrevener pro scripcione diversarum cartarum;—Et de xx*d.* perditis in pondere levi auri extracti extra bursam de thesauro Ville;—Et de v*li.* vi*s.* viiij*d.* solutis per manus prefati Petri eidem Roberto Lange in persolucionem expensarum suarum equitando de Wroxale in comitatu Wiltes usque Suthampton cum xii^{cim} famulis suis;—Et de vij*d.* solutis pro rubra cera emptis ad sigillandas evidencias et pro pixide empta ad

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imponendas evidencias predictas;—Et de vi *li.* solutis per manus prefati Petri Jamys Roberto Lange in persolucionem predicti tenementi de Westhalle perquisiti ad usum ville;—Et de xxx*s.* solutis Willelmo Westbury Justiciario domini Regis ad veniendum usque Wroxale usque domum Roberti Lange in comitatu Wiltes pro recognicione finis pro uxore dicti Roberti ibidem levande pro tenemento predicto ad usum ville;—Et de ix*s.* x*d.* solutis per manus prefati Petri in expensis eiusdem Petri Willelmi Chamberleyn ac Johannis Flemyng ac famulorum ac equorum suorum de Suthampton usque Godeworth in comitatu Wiltes per diversa loca;—Et de iii *li.* xiii*s.* i*d.* solutis per manus prefati in aliis expensis ipsorum Petri Willelmi ac Johannis ac aliorum famulorum ac equorum suorum redeundo de Wroxale predicta usque Suthampton ac pro empcione panni trium togarum emptarum pro eisdem Petro, Willelmo ac Johanne ad equitandum in viagio predicto, ac pro empcione iiij^{or} librarum viridis zinziberis iiij^{or} librarum piperis ac locacione sex equorum conductorum eodem tempore absque aliis equis nostris propriis ad equitandum in viagio predicto;—Et de xvi *li.* xi*s.* iiij*d.* solutis per manus prefati Petri circa reparacionem predicti tenementi de Westhall ut plenius patet in parcellis in libro papirio ejusdem Petri de expensis circa reparacionem tenementi predicti;—Et de vi*s.* viij*d.* solutis pro scripcione istius computi.

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Summa Totalis Receptarum—ccc iiij xij*li.* xvii*s.* ob. q^{a}.

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Summa Totalis Expensarum—cccliiii iii*li.* ix*s.* vii*d.*

Et sic Summa receptarum.

Excedit Summam expensarum per ix*li.* vii*s.* xi*d.* ob. q[a].

It will not escape the careful inspector of this remarkable account that it contains in its several clauses divers inaccuracies, resembling the error of sixpence in the final computation. Nor will it escape due consideration that whilst the price of Westhall was 120*l.*, the costs of conveyance amounting to 13*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.*, *i.e.*, exceeded one-ninth of the value of the property. But even more noteworthy than the entries touching the charges attending the transference of this single tenement from a Wiltshire squire to the Corporation of Southampton, are the memoranda relating to moneys spent by the town in buying the favour of the Sheriff, and procuring a friendly jury in the cause between the Crown on the one hand and the Corporation on the other, in respect to a felon's goods and chattels.

(3.) 1447 A.D. Indented Roll of the Goods and Chattels of Richard Thomas of Southampton, merchant, recently deceased.

(4.) — Edward IV. to William IV. Large Roll-Bundle of Exchequer Quietuses.

(5.) 1548 to 1633 A.D. Bundle of miscellaneous rolls (some of them dateless), comprising (*a*) The Roll of Assessments of 1548 A.D., for bringing water into the town ; and (*b*) The Roll of Assessments and also of Voluntary Contributions towards the establishment and maintenance of the Workhouse, in 1632–3 A.D.

(6.) 1563 to 1592 A.D. Tax Books ; comprising a Subsidy Roll of 1563 A.D. and the Roll (1592 A.D.) of the moneys collected in the town of Southampton for the payment of a Tenth and Fifteenth ; with five other dateless rolls of the same kind.

(7.) 1568–1672 A.D. Stall-and-Art Rolls of the years 1568, 1584, 1590, 1591, 1598, 1613, 1628, 1646, 1648, 1650, 1657, 1669, 1670, 1671, 1672 A.D. ; with seven other dateless rolls of the same kind.

(8) 1568 to 1842 A.D. Sessions' Rolls in fifteen bundles ; of the years —1568, 1588, 1601, 1607, 1608, 1617, 1622, 1634, 1637, 1641, 1643, 1646, 1657, 1663, 1669, 1670, 1671, 1672, 1673, 1674, 1675, 1676, 1677, 1678, 1679, 1681, 1682, 1683, 1684, 1686, 1687, 1689, 1691, 1692, 1693, 1694, 1695, 1696, 1697, 1698, 1699, 1701, 1702, 1703, 1704, 1705, 1706, 1708, 1709, 1711, 1712, 1713, 1714, 1715, 1716, 1717, 1722, 1723, 1725, 1726, 1727, 1728, 1729, 1730, 1731, 1733, 1734, 1735, 1736, 1737, 1738, 1739, 1740, 1741, 1742, 1744, 1745, 1746, 1747, 1748, 1749, 1750, 1751, 1752, 1753, 1754, 1755, 1756, 1757, 1759, 1760, 1761, 1762, 1763, 1764, 1765, 1766, 1767, 1768, 1769, 1770, 1771, 1772, 1773, 1774, 1775, 1776, 1777, 1778, 1779, 1780, 1781, 1782, 1783, 1784, 1785, 1786, 1788, 1789, 1790, 1791, 1792, 1793, 1794, 1796, 1797, 1801, 1802, 1803, 1806, 1808, 1809, 1810, 1811, 1812, 1813, 1818, 1822, 1823, 1824, 1825, 1827, 1829, 1830, 1831, 1832, 1833, 1841, 1842 A.D.—With Oaths and Declarations Rolls of—1754, 1764–6, 1769, 1783, 1784, 1786, 1787, 1788, 1789, 1790, 1791, 1793, 1794, 1795, 1796, 1797, 1798, 1799, 1801, 1802, 1806, 1822 A.D.

(9.) 1592 to 1661 A.D. Scavengers' Rolls *alias* Scavage Rolls, of—1592–3, 1593–4, 1596–7, 1598–9, 1601–2, 1604–5, 1605–6, 1610–11, 1611–12, 1612–13, 1613–14, 1616–17, 1617–18, 1618–19, 1633–4, 1634–5, 1660–1 A.D.

(10.) 1595–6 A.D. Roll of the Moneys collected for the Relief of the Poor in the town of Southampton, for a single year.

(11.) 1604 to 1650 A.D. Three Bundles of Private Nomination Rolls, of the periods 1604–20, 1639–59, and 1660–80 A.D.

(12.) 1606 A.D. Copy of the Ninety-six Ordinances, made during the Mayoralty of Thomas Owerey (temp. Henry VII.) or in later time; with the Order made in 1606 A.D. by the Mayor and others, for the Confirmation of the same ordinances for the good government of the town.

Together with this miscellaneous assemblage of Rolls, may be grouped for the reporter's purpose the following miscellaneous collection of sets of papers in bundles:—

(1.) 1566 to 1663 A.D. Divers papers, including (*a*) Matters touching the Testament of Sir Thomas White, knt., Alderman of London, 1566 A.D.; and (*b*) Drafts of the Inquisition and Decree touching the Mills and Dunch Charities 1663 A.D.

(2.) 1570 to 1766 A.D. Mayors' and Stewards' Vouchers in thirty bundles, marked on the wrappers for the following years or terms of years,—1570, 1577, 1603, 1606–13, 1607, 1608, 1610, 1611, 1611–1701, 1612, 1613, 1614, 1615, 1618, 1622, 1626, 1626–7, 1631, 1661–2, 1666, 1670, 1691, 1700, 1701, 1706–7, 1709, 1739–74, 1741, 1759–66 A.D.

(3.) 1571 to 1761 A.D. Eight bundles of Letters and miscellaneous papers, touching the affairs of the town of Southampton, marked on the wrappers for the following sets of years:—1571–1667, 1579–1665, 1589–1623, 1599–1606, 1600–1685, 1660–1765, 1666–81, 1711–61 A.D.—Save that all matters of historic interest have been withdrawn from them, and placed amongst the 'Choice Unbound Writings,' these bundles of multifarious documents remain in the condition in which they came under the present reporter's notice.

(4.) 1574 to 1802 A.D. "Sweet Wines" Writings; *i.e.* Letters, indentures, and accounts (with other documents), touching the Sweet Wines Grants.

(5.) 1589 to 1789 A.D. Eleven Bundles of Town Court Pleadings, of the following sets of years:—1589–96, 1646–53, 1661–1744, 1664–77, 1668–95, 1675–1764, 1680–85, 1699–1703, 1708–13, 1723–34, 1759–66 A.D.—Also a Bundle of Lists of Jurors in the Town Court, of 1669, 1670, 1671, 1672, 1673 A.D.—Also a Bundle of Admiralty Court Warrants and Miscellaneous Papers of the years 1588, 1635, 1703, 1707, 1708, 1709, 1710, 1711, 1712, 1713, 1714, 1715, 1716, 1731, 1789 A.D.—As matters requiring no more elaborate arrangement, the writings of these bundles remain as the present reporter found them.

(6.) 1594 to 1608 A.D. The Letters and Miscellaneous Papers of Captain Thomas Stockwell of St. Mary's near the Town of Southampton: a collection of writings deserving the attention of local antiquaries and chroniclers.

(7.) 1616 to 1617 A.D. Depositions of witnesses in the cause in the Court of Star Chamber between Thomas Elliott Pltf. and Thomas Bedford and others, Dfdts.

(8.) 1622–34 A.D. Town of Southampton leather-sellers Accounts.

(9.) 1626 A.D. Papers touching Smith's Charity.

(10.) 1643 A.D. Documents (including letters) touching the estate and death of John Parkinson, of Southampton, esq., who died a "felo de

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se" in 1643 A.D.; his goods and chattels thereby becoming forfeit to the Mayor, bailiffs and burgesses of the said town.

(11.) 1662 to 1713 A.D. Papers touching the Petty Customs of Lymington.

(12.) 1673 to 1788 A.D. Two bundles of Sacrament Certificates of the years 1673–83 and 1676–1788 A.D.

(13.) 1685–7 A.D. Informations and Recognizances.

(14.) Nine printed Charts of Dutch, Danish, and other European Coasts by draughtsmen of the 17th century.

(15.) 1702 to 1800 A.D. Two bundles of Porters' Bonds of 1702–62 and 1729–1800 A.D.

(16.) 1708–56 A.D. Miscellaneous Admiralty Papers.

(17.) 1714 A.D. Town of Southampton Commoners' Oaths.

(18.) 1716–66 A.D. Examinations and informations, with other Sessions Papers.

(19.) 1716 A.D. Lymington Petty Customs: divers papers, including those of the cause in the Court of Exchequer between the Mayor, &c. of Southampton Pltfs., against Roger Beer, Dfdt., touching the petty customs of Lymington.

(20.) 1732 A.D. Papers relating to St. Michael's spire.

(21.) 1745–7 A.D. Orders of Council relating to horned cattle.

(22.) 1759–62 A.D. Flour Returns.

(23.) 1769 A.D. Dr. Speed's Papers about the paving of the town of Southampton.

(24.) 1773 A.D. Documents touching the New Audit House.

(25.) 1780 A.D. Papers respecting Freman's Charity.

(26.) 1801 A.D. Papers touching the Fishery Bounty.

(27.) Also 1600–1800 A.D. Assessments and Tax-Collectors' Books; in two large bundles, one for the 17th and the other for the 18th century accounts; the earlier bundle containing a few lists and papers of the 16th century, whilst a few of the matters in the later bundle pertain to opening years of the 19th century.

At the close of this account of an unusually interesting collection of municipal muniments, whilst expressing my sense of obligation to the members of the Town Council and other inhabitants of Southampton, for services that lightened my official work, and for civilities that rendered my sojourn in Hampshire a period of enjoyment, I may add for the reader's satisfaction, that, since I inspected the manuscripts, measures have been taken to put the more remarkable of the charters, letters patent, and historic indentures under the view of all visitors of the Municipal Buildings, and to render the whole body of writings accessible to students on reasonable terms and conditions.

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THE MANUSCRIPTS BELONGING TO THE CORPORATION OF THE BOROUGH OF KING'S LYNN CO. NORFOLK.

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Few of our provincial boroughs possess muniments of greater value to the constitutional historian than the manuscripts to which public attention is here invited. Perhaps no borough of moderate population and importance has been so fortunate as Lynn Regis in the number and quality of the literary illustrators of its records. Years have passed over the graves of Mr. Hudson Gurney, who in 1832 called the attention of the Royal Society of Antiquaries to certain "Proceedings of the Corporation of Lynn Regis from 1430 to 1731;" of Mr. Daniel Gurney, who made the archives of the borough a subject of long and careful study; of the Reverend G. H. Dashwood, F.S.A., who contributed to the first volume of "Norfolk Archæology" the well known "Remarks on Subsidy Roll (*temp.* Edward I.) in the possession of the Corporation of Lynn Regis;" of Mr. Alan Swatman, a native of Lynn, whose researches in the rolls of the borough enabled him to discredit and disperse long-enduring misconceptions respecting the nature and conditions of Queen Isabella's residence at Rising Castle; of Mr. Charles Wycliffe Goodwin, another native of Lynn, who in the pages of "Norfolk Archæology" vindicated the genuineness of Cnut's charter to the monks of St. Edmundsbury, whilst imparting new interest to the so-called Hardecnut's charter of confirmation, which he demonstrated by internal evidence to be nothing more than an ingenious forgery; and Mr. Harrod, whose published "Report on the Deeds and Records of the Borough of King's Lynn" (1874), enlarged the world's knowledge of a singularly instructive body of municipal evidences. These eminent antiquaries have passed from us. But in Mr. E. M. Beloe, the learned coroner of his native town and the luminous author of "Our Borough" and "Our Lady's Hill," who was the first writer on the antiquities of the borough to display the peculiar constitution and special functions of the council of "the Twenty-Seven," Lynn is still fortunate in having a man of letters signally qualified to produce what still remains to be written, an adequate history of King's Lynn.

Lying in a county, whose antiquaries have for several generations figured in the van of archæological enquirers, it is needless to say that the Lynn archives were found by the present reporter in good preservation and order. The dark and narrow chamber in which they are kept is, no doubt, scarcely worthy of its treasures; but the late Mr. Harrod some years since catalogued and arranged the various records so effectively, that any competent searcher can without difficulty put his hand on any writing of the collection which he may wish to peruse. For the purposes of this report, the historic manuscripts so well kept and cared for may be divided into four groups,

(*a.*) *Books*,
(*b.*) *Charters, Letters Patent and Privy Seal Writs*,
(*c.*) *Rolls, from the time of Edward I. to* 1656 A.D., *and*
(*d.*) *Miscellaneous Writings, viz. Deeds of Gift, Acknowledgments, Agreements, Memoranda &c.*

Whilst the Chamberlains' Rolls and Gild Rolls afford a large number of noteworthy particulars, touching the social manners, commercial affairs and political interests and vicissitudes of the burghers of Bishop's Lenne in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, the charters, letters-patent and miscellaneous writings are especially instructive in what they tell us of the burghers' relations with their "lord" the Bishop of Norwich, and

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of the town's internal dissensions, rivalries and conflicts, when its people of the laity were divided into three mutually suspicious and antagonistic classes—the Potentiores, Mediocres and Inferiores—who throughout successive generations scowled at one another daily in their narrow lanes or by their wide water's side, and nursed their animosities in petty quarrels, that were not the less bitter for being under ordinary circumstances bloodless. To some gleaners of facts for social history, these muniments will perhaps be chiefly entertaining for their exhibitions of the fireside feuds and contentions of a medieval borough. But to graver students, more especially to writers of Constitutional History, the Lynn archives will appear in a higher degree valuable for their abundance of information respecting the ways in which the parliamentary representatives of the borough were elected and rewarded from the earlier half of the fourteenth to the later half of the seventeenth century.

It is no news that in olden time the burgesses of parliament for Bishop's Lynn were now and again chosen by a committee of twelve persons, specially appointed at a Congregation or Hall Assembly for the purpose of the election. The discovery that John Waterden and Thomas Spicer were thus chosen to represent the borough at the national council in the 11th year of Henry the Sixth, and that two years and seven months later Thomas Burgh and John Warryn became burgesses of parliament for the borough, was the occasion of the communication made in 1832 to the London antiquaries by Mr. Hudson Gurney, who gained his knowledge of these elections, and of the other municipal matters noticed in his letter, not from the records of the corporation, but from Mr. Lane's manuscript-book of notes and extracts from certain of the Assembly or Congregation Books, described in this report. Mr. Gurney's letter being published in the Transactions of the Royal Society of Antiquaries, its numerous items of curious information passed to the cognizance of our writers of Constitutional History, whose recognition of the value of the data thus put at their service does not appear to have moved them to seek further instruction in the Hall Books, from which the successive compilers of Mr. Lane's volume took their memoranda. It has been left for Commissions on Historical Manuscripts to ascertain the extent of the period during which the Burgesses of Parliament for Lynn appear from the borough records to have been usually, if not invariably, chosen by a committee of twelve, and the extent of the far longer period, during which the ordinary freemen of the borough had no direct voice in the election of their members of parliament, and indeed had no influence whatever on the parliamentary representation, apart from their influence in the yearly elections of the town-councillors who had a voice in the elections of the burgesses of parliament.

The earliest of the extant records touching these elections-by-committee is the Certificate [*vide* the ensuing catalogue (*d*) *Miscellaneous Writings*], from which it appears that, at an Assembly held in the Guildhall of Bishop's Linn, in the 7th year of Edward the Second, for making provision in respect to the business of the community in the King's parliament and elsewhere, authority was given to a committee of twenty-six persons to elect twelve of the more sufficient persons of the borough, to be a committee for taking order and action in the matter; that the committee so appointed by a larger committee had warranty under the common seal that their arrangements for the town's business should be adhered to by the community; and further that the whole community concurred in this assembly-order. Though the certificate

makes no express mention of an election of burgesses of parliament, it may be assumed confidently that in making the order the municipal congregation had such an election in view. It may also be observed that, though the order (according to the certificate) was for the appointment of a committee of twelve for the conduct and execution of municipal business, the committee of twenty-six appointed a committee of thirteen individuals. Possibly this apparent discrepancy between the instructions and action of the larger committee was due to a clerical slip in the certificate. On the other hand, it may be that the committee of twenty-six deliberately exceeded their instructions, and elected a thirteenth man for the sake of his casting vote, in case the committee proper should be evenly divided on any question of the affairs. The record of the whole community's concurrence in and assent to this arrangement is a noteworthy feature of the certificate, as it affords at least presumptive evidence that in the earlier time of Edward the Second the members of the Municipal Assembly did not presume to act definitively in so important a matter without the consent of the rest of the community. It is the more worthy of consideration, because in the near future it became the practice of the Assembly to appoint from themselves a committee for choosing burgesses of parliament, without consulting the general body of the burgesses, who in the records of a later period, viz., the seventeenth-century Hall Books, are slightingly designated "the burgesses at large." The fragmentary records afford no precise information as to the commencement of the long term of generations, during which "the burgesses at large" had no personal part in the selection of their burgesses of parliament, and seem to have been wholly excluded from the parliamentary franchise by custom, that probably originated in the readiness of the inferior burghers to assent to whatever the chiefs of the community did in respect to the affairs of the king's parliament. On the 9th of October in the 48th year of Edward the Third (*vide* The Red Register), a committee of twelve members of Assembly—viz., John Wyth, Hugh de Ellyngham, Geoffrey Sharyngton, Edmund Berston, Richard Honton, John Penteney, Geoffrey Fransham, Walter Dunton, John Grantham, John Stalworth, John Loke, and Nicholas Bukworth—was appointed and sworn to elect two prudent and discreet men for the King's parliament, to be held at Westminster on the morrow of St. Edmund the King and Martyr; the result being that Robert Bathe and John Waryn were chosen and sent to represent Bishop's Lenn at the national council. The earliest memorandum of a parliamentary election in the Red Register, this entry in the Corporation's oldest book of municipal acts and proceedings is also the earliest of the borough's records of an election of two persons, with names duly given, to represent the borough at the sovereign's parliament. But henceforth such entries are frequent in the Red Register and the subsequent Assembly Books. To say that, from the closing years of Edward the Third's time to the opening of Henry the Eighth's regnal term, the Members of Parliament for Bishop's Lenn were invariably chosen by a committee of twelve would be to say something more than is certified by the fragmentary records. But the entries of the Red Register, the series of Assembly or Congregation Books, and the imperfect series of Assembly or Congregation Rolls, interlying the final date of the Red Register and the commencement of the earliest of the extant Assembly Books, justify a statement that from the time of Edward III. to the time of Henry VIII. the parliamentary representatives of Bishop's Lenn were usually chosen by a committee of twelve members of the municipal Assembly. Of the various ways in which the committee was chosen, and of the Mayor's part in choosing the committee and conse-

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quent influence on the result, adequate information is afforded by the extracts from successive Assembly Books, printed in ensuing pages of this report.

The practice of electing members of parliament by a committee of the Assembly was continued to and into Henry the Eighth's reign. On 7th January of that king's first year, a committee of twelve chose Thomas Guyborn and Francis Mondeford for burgesses of parliament. Two years later (28 January, 3 Henry VIII.) Thomas With, then mayor of the community, and Francis Mondeford were elected in the same manner to represent the borough in parliament. But on 31 March, 14 Henry VIII., instead of being elected by a committee, Thomas Miller and Richard Bewshere were chosen for burgesses of parliament. by the Burgesses of Congregation, viz. those of the burgesses who had voice amongst the rulers of the borough, either as members of "the twenty-four" or as members of "the twenty-seven." The record of this election runs thus in the Assembly (or Congregation) Book No. IV. "31 March, 14 Henry VIII. Congregation of the Burgesses held in the Gild Hall of Bishop's Lenn :—Thomas Miller (gubernator), Richard Bewshere, Thomas Leyghton, William Castell, Christopher Brodbank, Richard Peper, John Holyour (*sic*), Roger Bowesey, Robert (*sic*) Parmenter, Edward Baker, Thomas Palmer, William Crampe, William Olyett, John Dunston, William Gerves, John Judde, Humfrey Wolle, John Odam, William Wygan, William Kenette, Robert Roughton, William Hall draper, Henry Duplak, William Locklay, William Hall taylor, Peter Mowthe, John Malby junr., Robert Candeler, William Baxter, William Mowthe, Simon Thompson,—The greater part of whom, viz., Richard Peper, John Holys (*sic*), Peter (*sic*) Parmenter, William Olyett, William Gerves, John Judde, Humfrey Wolle, John Odam, William Wygan, William Kenette, Peter Mowthe, John Malby junr., Robert Candeler, William Baxter, Thomas Water, William Mowthe, Simon Thompson, Thomas Herryson, John Whyte, Robert Lambard, John Suff, John Knappe elected these two under-written for burgesses of Parliament.—Mr. Thomas Miller, gubernator, and Mr. Richard Bewshere"—two of the persons who voted with the majority being omitted from the preceding list of members present at the assembly.

Henceforth the parliamentary elections were made by the burgesses in Assembly, voting or otherwise agreeing together personally, instead of authorizing a committee to act for them in the matter. On the substitution of a court of aldermen for a court of jurats, and a common council of eighteen for a similar council of twenty-seven members, the elections of burgesses of parliament were made by the Mayor aldermen and common-councilmen, whose acts and proceedings in Assembly are often designated the acts and proceedings of "the House" or "this House," in the successive Hall Books. Chosen by "the House," acting without reference to the views and wishes of the inferior burgesses, *i.e.* the burgesses who were not members of assembly, the burgesses of parliament received their authority and instructions and wages from "the House," and on returning from the national council rendered account to "the House" of their doings at, and of the measures ordained by, the parliament. The period of their revolutionary troubles had been entered by our ancestors of the seventeenth century, before the ordinary freemen, the burgesses at large, of King's Lynn, were suffered to take a direct and personal part in the choice of their parliamentry representatives ; and a noteworthy memorandum in the Assembly (or Congregation) Book No. IX. indicates with sufficient clearness, that the part taken by the burgesses-at-large in the election of members of the Long Parliament was resented by the superior people of the town

as an offensive novelty and a dangerous intrusion on the ancient privileges of "the house." From this memorandum it appears that on 2 January 1642 an Order of the Commons in Parliament, dated 15 Oct. 1642, "was brought and produced in the howse" (*i.e.* the municipal house) "by Mr. Percevall and Mr. Toll, aldermen, in hec verba sq. :— It is this day Ordered by the Commons now assembled in Parliament, That the Maior, Aldermen and Common Counsell of the Towne of Kinges Lynne in the county of Norfolk, Shall pay and allowe out of the Towne Stock as formerly, unto John Percevall and Thomas Toll their Burgesses, For this present Parliament as lardge an allowance per diem as they have heretofore allowed any of their Aldermen that hath bene Burgesses in Parliament for that towne, Notwithstandinge the Freemen of that towne had their voyces in the choice of the said John Percivall and Tho: Toll to be their Burgesses for this present Parliament. If the Mayor of Lynne can shew any cause to the countrary, we shalbe ready to heare him;" on the receipt of which mandate from the Commons, it was ordered by the municipal Assembly "that Mr. Maior, Mr. Recorder, Mr. Doughty, Mr. May and Mr. Leake with all convenient speede shall consider of and draw up a Fittinge Answeare to present to the Honourable Howse of Commons upon the said order, and offer the same to be allowed by the howse."

At subsequent elections, however, the burgesses-at-large had no voice in the choice of members. The memorandum of the affair in Assembly (or Congregation) Book No. IX. perhaps leaves it questionable whether the mere freemen of the borough had a voice in the election in September 1649 of the Earl of Salisbury to be one of their burgesses of parliament, though I am disposed to infer their participation in the election from the terms of the order,—"That a letter be written to the Right Honble the Earle of Salisbury by the Mayor from his house, to give him knowledge that this house hath graunted him the freedom of this Burgh, and that the Cominalty of this Burgh hath elected him a Burgess of the Parliament of England." Had the earl been elected for a parliamentary burgess by the same exclusive body, that conferred the municipal franchise upon him, his election for parliament would scarcely have been attributed to the action of the "commonalty." Later elections are however expressly declared by memoranda of the same Hall Book to have been made by "the house." On 18 August 1656, Generall John Desbrow and Maior-General Phillipp Skippon were "chosen in this House to serve as Burgesses for this Burrough, in his Highnes next parliament at Westminster."

In the following month (26 September 1656) it was ordered by the municipal House, "that Mr John Horsnell of London be sent unto by this House as their Solicitor in this behalfe to attende upon the Committee of Priviledges at Westminster to make good this house's auncient Custome of electing of Burgesses to set in Parliament, and that an abbreviate of the Records be sent up to him in order to his prosecution of the same, And that in order therunto Mr New-elect Mr Joshua Greene Mr Benjamyn Holly aldermen the Towneclarke Mr Robinson Mr Pope and Mr Clampe or any four or more of them and any other of the house that please be a Committee And are desired to meete this afternoone . . . . to draw up instructions and state the buisnes of election clearly betweene this House and the Comons of this Burgh and make their report to this house the next Hall Day." This memorandum is followed in the same register by other entries touching the conflict between the municipal house and the mere freemen, as to the right of the latter to vote at elections of members of parliament.

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Generall John Desbrowe (otherwise spelt, Disbrowe) having decided to sit in parliament for the county of Somerset, and declined the seat for Lynn Regis, Sir John Thorowgood on 19 Dec. 1656 "was by this house chosen to be one of the Burgesses to serve in this present Parliam^t" for the borough. Two years later (3 Jan. 1658) M^r Thomas Toll and Captain Griffith Lloyd were chosen to be burgesses of parliament for the borough by "the Mayor Aldermen and Common Councell." Touching the demand of the ordinary and mere freemen to have a voice in this election, the Assembly (or Congregation) Book No X. gives this remarkable note,—"3 January 1658. About Election of Burgesses to sett in Parliament:—Whereas severall Burgesses of this Burrough of the Commons at large have this day made their requestes to this house that they might be admitted to joyn with this house in the election of Burgesses to sett in the next Parliament to be houlden at Westminster the 27th day of this instant January, It is thought fitt and ordered that the resolves of the Comittee of Priviledges of the last Parliament and the Parliamentes Orders thereupon concerning Elections be first read unto them in the open hall which is done accordingly. This day alsoe upon further debate of the aforesaid business of Election of Burgesses to sett in the next Parliament for this Burrough, it being adjudged by this house that the right of election of the said Burgesses is at present in this house according to the aforesaid order. It is therefore ordered that this house doe proceed to an election accordingly, And that in case the said Commons at large shall after such election persist in theire desires to have the precept for election of Burgesses to be read unto them, That the same be read unto them for theire satisfaction."

If the precept for the election was read to the burgesses-at-large for their satisfaction in accordance with this order of the municipal council, and afforded them any degree of momentary contentment with their electoral position, it certainly failed to reconcile them for any considerable time to their exclusion from the parliamentary franchise. For in April 1660 they renewed their demand to be regarded and dealt with as parliamentary voters, and urged it so effectually that the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council decided to waive for once, and without prejudice to them and their successors in the future, the right of keeping elections of members of parliament to themselves. "Whereas," it is recorded in Hall Book No. X., under date of 16 April 1660, "Mr. Mayor hath this day caused a Common Hall to be warned in order to the election of Burgesses to serve in the next Parliament to be houlden at Westminster and severall of the members of the house being mett together in this house divers of the free Burgesses of this Burgh came and requested that they might be admitted to elect Burgesses for the said Parliament as their right which being taken into consideration this House doth think fitt for the present satisfaction of the people to suffer the Commons to elect, and to wave the election in this house for this present election."

The right of freemen to vote at the parliamentary elections does not appear ever again to have been seriously opposed or openly questioned. Having waived their especial and choicest privilege for once, the dominant class of the burgesses deemed it prudent and politic to surrender it altogether. Admitted to the vote on sufferance and by the special grace of their municipal betters for a single turn in 1660, the burgesses at large ever afterwards voted at the elections from which they had been so long excluded. In practice, if not in legal theory, they were admitted to the parliamentary franchise without an act of parliament for their parliamentary enfranchisement.

Though less new and striking than the data respecting the ways in which the burgesses chose their members of parliament, the memoranda of the Hall Books, touching the payment of the chosen representatives, afford numerous matters of interest together with several particulars not wholly wanting in novelty. It is well for writers on the payment of members of parliament to know that candidates for a seat in the Commons sometimes urged their readiness to occupy it gratuitously, as a reason why their ambition should be gratified. In James the First's time, when he sought the place of Member for the Norfolk borough, Sir Robert Hitcham, the Queen's Attorney-General, commended himself to the enlightened electors of Lynn Regis by offering to serve them for nothing,—an offer of financial advantage that would doubtless be rated as corrupt practice, should the custom of paying members of parliament for their services be revived in these days of severe electoral purity. But though he took the place for nothing, the Corporation thought right to give Sir Robert at least on one occasion a handsome gratuity for his service. "Whereas," it is recorded under date of 23 July 1610, "Sir Robert Hitcham knight, the Queenes Majesties Attorney Generall is purposed to come to this Towne from the Assizes att Norwich to take his jorny to Elie where he is Judge of that Cownty Palatyne, and that the said Sir Robt. Hitcham is one of the Burgesses of this Burgh this present Parliament, and promised to take no wages for the same when he was elected, Therefore itt is agreed that the Town shall bestowe upon hym (as a gratuity) Twenty Powndes, and that he shall be intertayned by the Mayor and that the charge thereof and of his horsemeat shall be borne by the Towne."

(*a.*) *Books.*

I.—35 Edward I. to 19 Richard II. The Red Book of Bishop's Lenn.

II.—16 Richard II. to 1446 A.D. Book of the Gild of St. Giles and St. Julian: Small Folio of paper leaves, with four parchment leaves at the end of the book, setting forth the names of the brethren and sisters of the gild in the 4th year of Henry the Fourth.

III.—2 Henry VI. to 2 Victoria. Fourteen Assembly (or Congregation) Books, being registers of the acts and proceedings of Municipal Assemblies, otherwise called Congregations, viz. :—

(1.) 2–9 Henry VI. Assembly or Congregation Book No. I.
(2.) 9–29 Henry VI. „ „ „ No. II.
(3.) 31 Henry VI. to 11 Henry VII. Assembly or Congregation Book No. III.
(4.) 12 Henry VII to 35 Henry VIII. Assembly or Congregation Book No. IV.
(5.) 35 Henry VIII. to 11 Elizabeth. Assembly or Congregation Book No. V.
(6.) 11–33 Elizabeth. Assembly or Congregation Book No. VI.
(7.) 33 Elizabeth to 9 James I. Assembly or Congregation Book No. VII.
(8.) 9 James I. to 10 Charles II. Assembly or Congregation Book No. VIII.
(9.) 10–36 Charles II. Assembly or Congregation Book No. IX.
(10.) 36 Charles II. to 4 George II. Assembly or Congregation Book (with index to contents, on the concluding leaves) No. X.
(11.) 5 George II. to 1 George III. Assembly or Congregation Book (with index to contents, in a pamphlet at the end of the volume) No. XI.

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(12.) 1–26 George III. Assembly or Congregation Book (with pamphlet index to contents at the opening of the volume) No. XII.

(13.) 26 George III. to 3 George IV. Assembly or Congregation Book (with pamphlet index to contents at the opening of the volume) No. XIII.

(14.) 3 George IV. to 11 Victoria. Assembly or Congregation Book (with pamphlet index to contents at the opening of the volume) No. XIV.

As the Red Book of Bishop's Lenn was used as an Assembly Book from 19 Edward III. to 19 Richard II. it has a title to be rated with the Assembly or Congregation Books, and honoured as the oldest of them.

IV.—1485 to 1536 A.D. Book of the Gild of St. Antony of Lenne: Small Quarto, of paper leaves in vellum cover.

V.—14 Henry VII. to 37 Henry VIII. Book of the Gild of All Saints of Scuth Lenne: the first leaf with this heading "Nomina Fratrum et Sororum Gilde sive Fraternitatis Omnium Sanctorum de Sougth Lenne fundate in anno Domini M^mo CCCC nonagesimo octavo et anno regni Regis Henrici Septimi quarto-decimo. Georgio Pyerpounte armigero tunc Aldermanno, et primo patrono ac fundatore et inceptore dicte Gilde sive Fraternitatis."

VI.—1867 A.D. Catalogue of the MSS. of the Corporation of Lynn, exhibiting on its title-page the heraldic shield of the borough, and this lettering, "1867. Repertory of the Records and Evidences of the Borough of King's Lynn.—Henry Harrod, F.S.A."

VII.—1867 A.D. MSS. Report (in a Quarto Volume) on the Lynn MSS., made to the Corporation of King's Lynn by the same Mr. Henry Harrod, after he had catalogued and reduced the MSS. to order.

Notes on the more important of these Twenty Books, with Exemplary Matters taken from them.

(1.) The Red Book of Bishop's Lenn: A Register of Wills and Book of Remembrances from 35 Edward I. to 2 Richard II.: and an Assembly or Congregation Book from 19 Edward III. to 19 Richard II. Containing in its present state one hundred and eighty-nine numbered leaves, that have been recently repaired and bound into a substantial Russia-leather cover, this massive and stately folio is lettered on the back of the cover "The Red Register of Lynn: Temp. Ed. II., Ed. III., and Ric. II." That this lettering fails in justice to the antiquity of one of the oldest paper-books, to be found in our municipal muniment rooms, appears from the dates of the oldest of the remaining entries, and from several indications, that what is now the opening leaf of the records was in former time preceded in the volume by numerous leaves, which had perished before the register was committed to a skilful restorer.

On the dorse of what is the fourth page of the folio, appears this worn and fragmentary record of Edward the First's 35th year, ". . . . . post festum Pasche anno regni Regis Edwardi filii Regis Henrici xxxv Simon filius Reginald' le Saus venit in aulam Gilde coram Thoma de Sethfoord (? Sechfoord) tunc Maiore . . . . . tulit . . . . ptum quiete clamancie et recognovit coram tota Communitate predictum scriptum . . . . . 'tum suum per quod quidem scriptum quiet-clamavit totum jus et clamium suum de uno messuagio in villa Lenne Ricardo de Warewyk' . . . . . Notum sit omnibus Christi fidelibus presens scriptum visuris vel audituris, Ego Simon filius Reginaldi Le Saus quon-

dam Burgensis Lenne concessi relaxavi et omnino . . . . me et heredibus meis vel meis assignatis quiet-clamavi imperpetuum Ricardo de Warwyk' burgensi Lenne et Johanne uxori ejus pro quadam pecunie summa quam michi dederunt . . . . . jus meum et clamium quod habeo seu habui vel habere potero in toto illo mesuagio cum . . . . . pertinenciis in villa Lenne Episcopi jacente in latitudine inter terram quondam . . . . . Le Spicer ex parte australi et terram quondam Johannis Piaor ex parte aquilonari, Et se extendit in longitudine a communi via de Briggegate versus orientem usque ad gutterem versus occidentem, Ita quod nec ego predictus Simon nec heredes mei nec aliquis . . . . seu pro nobis in predicto messuagio cum edificiis et pertinenciis aliquid juris vel clamii exigere . . . . poterimus in posterum, Et ego predictus Simon et heredes mei warentizabimus . . . . . messuagium cum edificiis et pertinenciis predictis Ricardo et Johanne et eorum heredibus assignatis ubicunque contra omnes gentes imperpetuum, In cujus rei testimonium huic scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus Thoma de Sethford (? Sechford) tunc Maiore Lenne, Petro de Thornden, Johanne de Schanden, Willelmo Shillynges, Ricardo de Gerneston, Alan de Thornden, Willelmo . . . . ., Thoma de Beuseye, Thoma de Walsingham, Nicholas Bretoun, Johanne clerico et aliis. Datum Lenne die Mercurii proxima post festum Purificacionis Marie virginis anno regni Regis Edwardi filii Regis Henrici tricesimo-quinto."

Whilst the presence of this entry is of itself sufficient evidence that the book was used as a register of record something earlier than Edward the Second's accession, it is obvious that some of the fragmentary leaves at the opening and towards the close of the folio were at no distant date detached from the volume, to which they have been re-united by a dextrous craftsman. As to the precise year in which the Corporation first used the volume, which notwithstanding its magnitude may be styled the remnant of a bulkier book, no evidence is afforded either by volume itself or by the other records of the community. There is however no reason to think the book much older than the restorer thought it.

Belonging to the class of Registers, that used to be designated "Libri Remembrantiarum," this especially noteworthy folio was for some time used chiefly as a Register of Wills, affecting the transmission of real estate lying within the boundaries of the borough, and after becoming an Assembly or Congregation Book in Edward the Third's 19th year was still used as a will-register till the second year of Richard the Second, when the Mayor and Community probably began the series of testamentary enrolments on rolled membranes, of which the Wills' Roll 8–22 Richard II. (to be noticed in an ensuing section of this report) is the sole extant example. An interesting feature of the earlier testamentary records of the volume relates to the measures taken for giving due publicity to the testaments, and affording interested persons sufficient opportunity for questioning their validity. From the initial words of each of these records, it appears that no testament was approved by the Mayor, without previous proclamation by the Common Serjeant of the day, when the will would be brought before the Mayor in the Gildhall, and application made for its probate. Thus of John Ode's testament it is recorded (in Latin) :—

"On Friday next following the Feast of St. Edmund the King in the first year of the reign Edward the son of King Edward, proclamation was made by the Common Serjeant of Lenn that, if anyone wished to contradict the testament of John Ode, so that the tenements bequeathed in the said testament ought not to be seized by the legatees, that it

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would be in the Gild Hall before the Mayor of the aforesaid town of Lenn on Wednesday next following; On which day Alice who was the wife of the aforesaid John Ode brought the testament of the same John before the same Mayor. In which testament the same John bequeathed to his son John his chief messuage in Wyngate with its appurtenances, which he acquired of Andrew Bataille, to have and hold after the decease of his mother Alice, so that he shall each year give to his brother James dwelling in the order of the Preachers ten shillings for a habit, and should it happen that the same John should die without an heir of his body lawfully begotten, he willed that the aforesaid messuage should revert to his brother Michael on the underwritten condition, Also he left to his son Michael his messuage with edifices and appurtenances near the Meirisflete which is called Duffecoteyerd, which he acquired from John Cullyng, to have and hold after the decease of his mother Alice; and should it happen that the same Michael should die without an heir of his body lawfully begotten, he willed that the same messuage should revert to his nearest heir after the death of the said Alice, Also he bequeathed to his daughter Margaret twenty shillings of yearly rent to be had of the messuage of John de Thornden in Dampgate after the death of the said Alice, Also he bequeathed to his daughter Muriel twenty-three shilllings of yearly rent, to be had of the messuage of Geoffrey Le Paumer in the street of Dampgate and three shillings of the messuage of John de Siswelle in West Lenn to be had after the death of the said Alice, Also he left to his daughter Etheldred twenty-three shillings of yearly rent to be had of the tenement which is held by the heir of Walter de Swafham, and ten shillings of the tenement which is held by the heir of William de Colkirke in the parish of All Saints of Lenn, and ten shillings of the tenement which he acquired of John de Grymysby in the street which is called Heweryslane, to be had after the death of the said Alice, Also he left to his daughter Agnes twenty-eight shillings of yearly rent to be received of the tenement which Richard Murle holds, on the underwritten condition after her mother's death.

Also he willed that if it should please anyone of his daughters to enter into religion (si placuerit alicui filiarum suarum in religione intrare), it should be lawful for her to sell the tenement and rents bequeathed to her in this testament after her mother's death and in other way . . . . Also he bequeathed to his wife Alice four shops with their appurtenances over the cellar at the Greemarket (? gresmarket) for all her life, and that if the said Alice should have so great need, may which be absent, it should be lawful for her to sell the same shops for her sustenance and the sustenance of her boys, And if the aforesaid shops should not be sold, he willed that the [? money] coming from them throughout the term next following the death of the said Alice should be spent in pious uses for his soul and the soul of the same Alice, And if it should happen that any one of his daughters should die without an heir lawfully begotten of her, he willed that the bequest made to her in the same testament should be divided equally amongst her sisters. Also he bequeathed the vacant lands and tenements, one of which lies between the tenement of Thomas Deniel, which he acquired from Theobald Le . . . . and another tenement of Robert Lefgrene the clothier which he bought of Edward of Preston, and a third lying near the tenement of Richard de Gerneston which he bought of Michael Cullynges, to be sold for the payment of his debts, and the accomplishment of this testament. Which testament indeed on the aforesaid day was not contradicted. Wherefore the said Mayor diligently examined Stephen de Sherneburne and John de Hasele whether the aforesaid testament was made in the aforesaid

form by the testator's desire, who being sworn gave the same testimony as is contained in the testament. And the same Mayor with the Alderman and Community pronounced for that testament as being lawfully proved. And they decreed seisin of the above-written tenements to aforenamed legatees and put the mayor's seal &c."

In similar manner it is recorded of the testament of William By-West-half-the-Water, proved in 1 Edward II.

"Also on Wednesday next before the Feast of Pentecost in the aforesaid year it was proclaimed, that, if anyone wished to contradict the testament of William By-West-half-the-Water, it would be in the Hall of the Gild before the aforesaid Mayor on Friday following, At which day Thomas Pleyndamour brought the aforesaid testament before the aforesaid Mayor. In which testament the aforesaid William bequeathed all his messuage in Bishop's Lenn with the quay and other appurtenances, which he acquired from Roger Heynor, to be sold by his executors for fifty marks sterling, and thereof he bequeathed to Agnes his wife ten pounds of silver, Also he bequeathed his messuage in Gewyslane, which he acquired from Alexander de la Cornere, to be sold by his executors, and that the aforesaid Alexander should have thereof the forty shillings in which he was bound to him by a certain writing, Also he bequeathed t cElena the daughter of his sister for her marriage endowment his messuage By-West-half-the-Water, which he bought of William the Chaplain. Which testament indeed was not contradicted before the aforesaid Mayor. Wherefore the aforesaid Mayor diligently examined Nicholas Fluker and John Bathe upon their oath, whether the aforesaid testament was made by the testator's wish, who being sworn gave accordant evidence as the testament required. And therefore seisin of the aforebequeathed tenements was adjudged to the legatees aforesaid and the seal was apposed &c."

The late Mr. Harrod (*vide* Report on the Deeds and Records of the Borough of King's Lynn. By H. Harrod, Esq., F.S.A., 1874. Simpkin, Marshall, and Co.) made a slip in saying "it was difficult to guess how such a name [*i.e.*, William By-West-half-the-Water's surname] came into existence;" it being obvious that the testator had in accordance with a common usage of his period taken for a surname the local designation of his chief messuage. The same painful and conscientious antiquary tripped in a more remarkable manner in saying "William By-West-half-the-Water had children who are mentioned in the Will, but to him or them I have met with no reference here or elsewhere." No such children are mentioned in the will; and as he bequeathed the messuage from which he took his surname to his sister's daughter, the fair assumption is that William By-West-half-the-Water was childless. In what he says of the records of the wills in the Red Register, Mr. Harrod was guilty of a more serious error, in remarking, "Each entry terminates with a record of the proof of the testament before the Ordinary," followed by a memorandum of the Mayor's approval; for in the earliest registrations no mention is made of probate before the Ordinary, though in respect to the subsequent registrations, it is recorded that the will had received episcopal probate before being submitted to the Mayor for approbation. The present report on the Lynn MSS. being in direct conflict with Mr. Harrod's report on other matters, the writer is under the disagreeable necessity of calling attention to the occasional inaccuracy of a published work, that notwithstanding its several slips is upon the whole not undeserving of the regard in which it is held by the archæologists of East Anglia.

From the memoranda touching John Ode's testament and William By-West-half-the-Water's testament it may be inferred that, in drawing

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such memoranda in the earlier years of Edward the Second, the keeper of the Red Register, thought it sufficient to give the mere purport and effect of the testator's language. But later in the same reign, it became the registrar's practice, in drawing an entry of testamentary record, to transcribe the ipsissima verba of those passages of the will, that affected messuages or tenements, or rents arising from messuages or tenements within the borough;—a practice followed at no great interval by the action of the Common Clerks, who thought it their duty to transcribe the enregistered wills in their entirety.

Throughout the earlier portion of what remains to us of the Red Register (viz. from p. 1 to p. 115) the entries touching wills are interspersed with transcripts of grants and agreements (municipal or private), memoranda of matters done in the Gild Hall Assemblies or the Hustings Court, and notes of affairs that were important to the people of Bishop's Lenn in the fourteenth century, such as—

(*a.*) Memorandum quod die Mercurii proxima ante festum Purificacionis beate Marie anno regni Regis Edwardi filii Regis Edwardi secundo, tempore Thome de Sethford (? Sechford) Maioris: Communa Lenne unanimo assensu consenserunt et licenciam dederunt Johanni de Walton ad faciendam quandam cameram communem cum necessariis pro aysiamento ville predicte imperpetuum duraturam in quadam venella communa inter terram que quondam fuit Deodati de Herdwykes ex utraque parte et apud orientalem . . . . super viam regalem juxta cimiterium ecclesie Sancte Margarete et apud occidentalem . . . . super magnam Rypam Lenne: Ita videlicet quod predictus Johannes nec aliquis alius in predicta camera nullam proprietatem poterunt clamare inperpetuum.

(*b.*) Memorandum that two cups of mazer, a silver wine-cup, and a vessel for holy water were taken from Ralph de Fuldone, for his arrear for talliages from the time of Thomas de Setheford (or Secheford) mayor, and that on Friday in the week of Pentecost in the 6th year of the reign of Edward the son of Edward Henry de Holt and Thomas de Bauseye came and bought the same "vadia" for forty shillings, which they paid immediately in the time of Lambert de St. Omer then mayor.

(*c.*) 8 Edward II. Memorandum that John de Grimesby came into the Gild Hall on Wednesday next after the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mary Virgin . . . . and in the presence of the community acknowledged "se fregisse sequestrum maioris," and abused him in speech, and now offered to make amends for his said transgressions to the said community, Wherefore his peers and the said community adjudged the same John should for the said transgression pay half-a-mark, and be bound firmly for the payment of one hundred shillings to the same community as often as he should do any trespass to the Mayor, bailiff or community; and for this he found sureties, namely William Dimarkes, Roger de Flitham and William de Sculton.—Followed in the register by numerous similar sentences on burgesses and others guilty of offences against the Mayor and community, or the one or other of them.

(*d.*) 8 Edward II.—Memorandum that Adam le Clerk came into the Gild Hall on Friday next before the Feast of All Saints . . . . and made his plaint before the Mayor and the Community, that Henry de Rikelinghous, Hernald Clast, Hernald le Feuere, his brother Peter, William Gun berman, Henry de Brem, and Hernald Croppe of Grippeswald with other persons (unknown) craftily entered his vessel called *the Plente* by the sea-coast as enemies, and slew the men being in the same ship, and took and carried off the same ship, together with its goods; and that he proved this by Geoffrey Coket, Peter Wippe, John de Deneby, Gostelin de Snetesham, John Shorfrend, William de Snoryng,

Robert le Shephirde, William Bullok, Walter de Fordham, William de Waynflet, Roger de Ingham and Alexander de Geyton.

(*e.*) 17 Edward II.—Memorandum that on Wednesday in the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle . . . . Reginald the son of Martin de Thorp came into the Gild Hall and proved his age by Martin de Thorpe his father and Thomas the clerk, who being sworn said upon their oath that he exceeded twenty-one years of age, and produced the charter and writing of quit-claim &c.—Followed in other parts of the register by numerous memoranda of similar purport and effect.

(*f.*) 9 Edward III.—Memorandum that on Friday next following the Feast of All Saints . . . . . Stephen de Kent came into the Gild Hall and acknowledged himself guilty of trespass against the Mayor and the community, in selling wine for eightpence a gallon, when all taverns were selling it for sixpence a gallon; and that the community pardoned him the same trespass, on his engagement to give the community a tun of wine, should he ever offend again in like manner.

But of all the matters, preserved in the Red Register for the information of students and the guidance of writers of constitutional history, none are more interesting and valuable than the memoranda touching elections of Burgesses of Parliament from 48 Edward III. to 17 Richard II., in the records of the earlier, of which years, the searcher of the folio comes upon a Latin memorandum to the following effect:—

9 October, 48 Edward III.—On the same day there were sworn the following, to elect two prudent and discreet men for the parliament of the Lord King, to be held at Westminster on the morrow of St. Edmund the King and Martyr,—John Wyth, Hugh de Ellyngham, Geoffrey Sharyngton, Edmund Berston, Richard Honton, John Penteney, Geoffrey Fransham, Walter Dunton, John Grantham, John Stalworth, John Loke and Nicholas Bukworth, who elected Robert Bathe and John Waryn.

This record of the election of Robert Bathe and John Waryn to be burgesses of parliament is followed by similar memoranda of the following elections, each of which was made by a committee of twelve persons.

(*a.*) 50 Edward III. Election of John Dockyngg and Thomas . . . .
(*b.*) 2 Richard II. „ Nicholas de Swerdeston and Hugh de Ellyngham.
(*c.*) 3 Richard II. Election of John Brunham and Thomas de Morton.
(*d.*) 4 Richard II. „ Richard de Honton and Henry de Betele.
(*e.*) 5 Richard II. Election of Thomas Drewe and Thomas de Morton.
(*f.*) 6 Richard II. „ John Brunham and John Waryn.
(*g.*) 9 Richard II. „ John de Brandon and Thomas de Morton.
(*h.*) 11 Richard II. Election of Henry de Betele and Thomas de Morton.
(*i.*) 11 Richard II. „ Edward Belleyettere and Thomas Drewe.
(*j.*) 13 Richard II. „ Robert de Waterden and John Wace.
(*k.*) 14 Richard II. „ John Wentworth and Thomas Waterden.
(*l.*) 15 Richard II. „ Robert de Botkesham and John . . . .
(*m.*) 17 Richard II. At the congregation held on Wednesday of the Vigil of the Nativity of our Lord, 17 Richard II, There were elected for the parliament, to be held at Westminster on xv. Hillary, Thomas Drewe and Thomas Morton,—by John Keeper, Thomas Frankys, Ralph de Bedyngham, John Home, William Erl, Robert de Botkesham, Thomas Waterden, John de Botkesham, Richard Thorp, William Urry, Andrew de Sivanton and John Boit.

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This list is not given as a complete list of the elections of Burgesses of Parliament mentioned in the Red Book of Lynn, but merely as a list of those elections, that came under the observation of the present reporter, during a deliberate, but of course cursory, inspection of the one hundred and eighty-nine numbered leaves of the register. All these fourteen elections were made by successive committees, consisting of twelve persons selected and appointed to make choice of fit and proper persons, to represent the Community of Bishop's Lenn at the national parliament. Each record gives the names of the twelve members of the electing committee; but, during his inspection of the Red Register, the present reporter came upon no memorandum touching the way and manner of choosing the several members of any one of the electing committees.

(II.) 2–9 Henry VI.—Assembly (or Congregation) Book, No. I.: erroneously lettered at the back and on one of the boards of its modern cover "1st Hen. 6th, 1422 to 29th Hen. 6th, 1450." No fair register of proceedings of Assemblies during the years indicated by the labels on the cover, or the years indicated at the head of the present entry, but a collection of more or less imperfect Year Books of proceedings at municipal congregations, stitched together with insufficient care for the chronological sequence of the sometimes fragmentary leaves, the present 4to book affords a fairly complete view of the business done at the Gild Hall Congregations during seven successive years (2–9) of Henry the Sixth; and also of proceedings at Assemblies, held on or between 7 April and 24 July, 29 Henry VI. Containing the following memoranda:—

(*a.*) 13 October, 2 Henry VI.—At the same time allowance of forty shillings is made to the Burgesses of Parliament, for arrears of expenses of the same burgesses.—Followed in later leaves of the book by numerous memoranda touching the payment of parliamentary burgesses.

(*b.*) 12 April, 3 Henry VI.—And then the Mayor exhibited the King's brief for a Parliament, running in these words, &c.—

And the Mayor chose for the election of burgesses of parliament Richard Waterden, Nicholas Aldirman, William Style and Thomas Langton, who retired together into the chamber, who chose (vocaverunt) Andrew Swartton, William Kyrton, Ralph Bedyngham, John Springwell, T. Wursted, John Systerne, John Biekieres and John Andrew, who appeared together and received their charge by the fealty which they made to the community (et receperunt onus suum per fidem quam fecerunt communitati ut, &c.), that they would elect two sufficient burgesses to attend the parliament, according to the tenor of the said brief, who elected John Copnote and Thomas Burgh.

(*c.*) 25 June, 3 Henry VI.—And there the Mayor exhibited a letter sent by the burgesses of parliament, in which they desire to have a letter of attorney, under the common seal in the name of the whole community, in accordance with a draft transmitted together with the letter, for receiving in the name of the community cccxxxiii*li.* vi*s.* viii*d.*, supplied to King Henry the Fourth in his 4th year, by virtue of certain tallies delivered to the same burgesses; and in accordance with the said draft wrote in form a letter, which was there read and sealed to John Copnote, to receive from Thomas Bishop of Durham, Sir John Pelham knt., and John Leventhorp esq., executors appointed in the will of Henry late King of England after the conquest the Fourth, cccxxxiii*li.* vi*s.* viii*d.*, owed by the said King for money lately lent by us the Community for the same King's use, as appears by a certain tally delivered to

the community, and levied on Roger Galyon and Thomas Grey then collectors of customs and subsidies in the port of the Town of Lenn aforesaid at the Receipt of the Exchequer in the 4th year of the said King; of which letter a copy remains with the Common Clerk in these words :—"Know all men by these presents, That we John Parmonter mayor of Lenn in the county of Norfolk, and the whole community of the same town, have attorned and put in our place our beloved John Copnote, our true attorney to ask for and receive, in our name and for us, of the Venerable Father in Christ Thomas Bishop of Durham, Sir John Pelham knt., and John Leventhorp esq., the executors named in the testament of the Lord Henry late King of England after the conquest the Fourth, three hundred and thirty and three pounds six shillings and eight pence, owed to us by the aforesaid late King for money lent by us for the said King's use, as appears more clearly by a certain tally delivered to us and levied at the Receipt of the Exchequer on Roger Galeon and Thomas Grey, then collectors of customs and subsidies in the aforesaid port of Lenn, on the ninth day of December in the 4th year of the said late King, &c., &c. Dated at Lenn in our Gild Hall on 25 June 3 Henry VI."

(*d.*) 14 July, 3 Henry VI. Privy Seal Writ of Henry dei gracia Rex, &c. whereby, in consideration of a certain sum of one thousand marks lent for the King's use by the Mayor, sheriff and community of Norwich, the Mayor and community of Lenn, Master William Westacre, Master William Walton and Master Nicholas Somerset, all of Norfolk (five hundred marks thereof having been lent by those of Norwich, four hundred marks by those of Lenn, forty pounds by William Westacre, twenty pounds by William Walton and ten marks by Nicholas Somerset) on the security of a certain great garnished circlet of gold (unum magnum circulum aureum garnisatum), as appears more fully in certain indentures made between the Archbishop of Canterbury, John Wakering the Keeper of the King's privy seal, the aforesaid mayors, sheriff and communities, William Westacre, William Walton and Nicholas Somerset, the King grants that, in case the said circlet be not redeemed by him, his heirs or executors, within one year, half-a-year and a month, from the day on which it was received in pawn by aforesaid lenders, it shall be lawful for the same lenders to sell the same security for repayment of the moneys so lent by them; it being, however, provided that, should the circlet be sold in accordance with the terms of the concession, account is to be rendered by the vendors to the king, his heirs, executors or assigns, of the surplus of the sum for which it shall be sold over the sum of the money lent as aforesaid. Dated at Westminster.

(*e.*) 27 September, 3 Henry VI. And afterwards the Mayor sought what should be done with the male prisoner, who had maliciously allowed the salt water to enter the common ditch: and it was agreed that the culprit should be put on the pillory, and afterwards should be required to abjure the town.

(*f.*) 30 January, 4 Henry VI. And there was read in mother-tongue the King's writ for an election of burgesses of parliament . . . . . and there the Mayor chose for making the election William Style, John Rieking (?), John Saluz, Nicholas Franks, who entered the chamber together with Andrew Swanton, William Waterden, John Systerne, and Nicholas Aldirman, William Space, Thomas Botekysham, John Muryell and John Springwell; who appeared together and accepted their charge (per fidem quam fecerunt communitati), that they would elect two sufficient burgesses to attend the parliament, in

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accordance with the tenor of the said writ. Who with unanimous assent elected Bartholomew Petypas and John Parmonter for burgesses of parliament, in that year.

(*f.*) 13 February, 4 Henry VI. And it was asked if they would consent, that a letter of attorney should be made under the Common Seal, to be had by divers persons, for making suit with the authority of the whole community to the King's Council, and all persons at the congregation being for the restraint of navigation to Island, so that henceforth it should not be used, they one and all granted that they would for ever hold firm and reasonable whatever should be appointed on this matter; and also with the assent of the whole congregation they ordained, that [all persons] frequenting Island should be summoned to come to the Gildhall before the Mayor and Community, and be there forbidden to navigate to Island, under pain of forfeiture of goods and deprivation of liberty.

(*g.*) 15 April, 4 Henry VI. And there was read a letter on the part of the Duke of Exeter, for restraining ships, making ready to navigate to Islandia.

(*h.*) The Day of the Decollation of John the Baptist, 4 Henry VI. . . and afterwards, an interval having been made, ... the Common Clerk charged John Wesynham, the Alderman of the Gild of the Holy Trinity, upon his oath, that he would name and call four fit, discreet, and not suspected persons for the election of a mayor . . . . . And afterwards the Alderman took his oath in due form, and named John Wyth, Thomas Spicer, John Syff, John Saluz, who took oath and entered the chamber. And afterwards they called to themselves Thomas Gryme, Thomas Wilkynson, William . . . . , and . . . . Body; who in the same manner swore and entered the Chamber; which . . . persons called together to themselves Thomas Langton, John Assh . . . . . Muryell and John Perche; which twelve persons entered together. And the first four being sworn by themselves on their oath to elect a mayor, chamberlain, and other officers; and in the same manner, the second four took oath; and the third four accepted their charge together, and together entered the Chamber; and there waiting from the tenth hour to the third hour, in which time a division arose amongst the twelve sworn persons, upon the election of the sergeant-at-mace in this that he was accused "quod non fuit amicabilis proficuo communitatis, &c." And on this William Collys and . . . . Warde bore witness that the accusation was true; whereupon a great murmur now rose amongst the people. At length the same man, Robert Beer, repenting of his offence, asked pardon of the Mayor and community, and promised to stand to their order in this matter, and thus there was . . . . to the said election. And after his election he entered. Who elected . . . . Philip Franks; for chamberlains, . . . Palmer, John . . . . , John . . . William Style; for clerk, Thomas Cheuele; for serjeant-at-mace, Robert Beer; for keeper of the East Gate . . . .; for keeper of the South Gates Nicholas Borewell; for keeper of the Gates of Douzhill Yard, Thomas Groute; and for bellman, John Mordon.

The decay and defacement of the leaf render it impossible to give a perfect translation of this noteworthy record; but enough of the memorandum remains to show how the elections of officers were made in this year.

(*i.*) 17 November, 6 Henry VI. And first there was read a letter sent by the burgesses of parliament, which made mention that the

Friars Preachers contrived a certain malicious bill, complaining to the King about the community in respect to divers transgressions.

And there it was asked if they would agree that in the name of the four hundred marks they (viz., the burgesses of parliament) should receive of the executors of the late king one hundred pounds for the pledged circlet of gold, because they were not able to get more (quia plus recipere non possint); and the whole congregation granted that the same burgesses of Parliament should receive the one hundred pounds.

(*j.*) 16 April, 6 Henry VI. And afterwards it was enquired by Philip Frank, if the community wished to consent that the hundred pounds (super circulum aureum apprestite) in the hands of John Wood (*sic*) should be received to the use of the community.

(*k.*) 17 March, 7 Henry VI. And there appeared the nominated lepers John Selander, T. Taylour, and Edmund Mundy, that their infirmity might be proved by discreet persons having knowledge in this respect (Et ibidem comparuerunt Joh. Selander, T. Taylour et Edm. Mundy leprosi nominati, ut probetur eorum infirmitas per discretas personas noticiam in hac parte habentes).

(*l.*) 2 September, 8 Henry VI.—And there was declared in mother tongue the writ for electing burgesses of parliament . . . . . And after the declaration of the writ, the Mayor chose (vocavit) for the election Andrew Swanton, Richard Lecchour, John Muriell and William Wyth, William Style, William Herson, William Coll, John Kelle, T. Wursted, John Wych, T. Langton and John Syff; Who elected John Parmonter and John Watirden.

(*m.*) Also, on one of the several misplaced leaves of the present collection, this memorandum headed "Forma Donacionis Panis Benedicti." At the aforesaid Congregacion, held on 6th October, 6 Henry VI., they determined that each and all tenements, which are leased to farm for xx *s.* per annum and more and are inhabited, although they shall be divided by the king's way, shall give "panem benedictum cum candela cerea," unless it happen that the chief tenement has different tenements annexed under one roof, pertaining to and not separate from the said Chief Tenement, in which case the principal tenement shall give "panem benedictum" for all the tenements pertaining to it, if they shall be inhabited; otherwise the tenements annexed to the value of twenty shillings amongst themselves, so that each of them be at least of the yearly rent of 6*s.* 8*d.*, shall give "panem benedictum" amongst themselves according to the rate of their farm: And if there be three tenements lying together, "unumquodque eorum ad firmam vi *s.* viii *d.* per ann. eciam si unus eorum sit valor' xiii *s.* iiii *d.* per annum, alter vero vi *s.* viii *d.*," they shall give "panem benedictum" according to rate of rent. And if the inhabitants in the same tenements shall refuse to give "panem benedictum cum candela cerea" in accordance with the aforesaid form, the common serjeant-at-mace or other officer at the mandate of the Mayor or his lieutenant for the time being shall enter into the said tenement or into the tenements of the person or persons refusing to give bread, and levy distress by all their goods and chattels there found, and shall bring the things so taken in distress to the Gildhall, there to remain until the person or persons thus refusing to give bread shall make satisfaction or pay for his offence committed twenty shillings sterling to the use of the community, and to no other uses to be converted, unless extreme poverty or other reasonable excuse should come to their aid.

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(III.)—9–29 Henry VI.—Assembly (or Congregation) Book, No. II. Though it passed long since from the hands of the corporation, and still reposes in Sir William Ffolkes's library at Hillington Hall near Lynn, I do not hesitate to deal with this folio as one of the records in the possession of the borough, because I have the best grounds for thinking that at no distant future—possibly even before the publication of this report—it will be restored to the collection of muniments to which it appertains in every sense but the strictly legal sense.

Affording evidence that in Henry the Sixth's time the electorates of the nine constabularies, endowed with the power of electing three members of each constabulary to serve in the "Common Council of Twenty Seven," seldom numbered more than twenty individuals and sometimes consisted of so few as twelve voters actually taking part in the elections, the present volume contains, with a large body of other more or less noteworthy entries, the following matters of record.

(*a.*) 12 October, 9 Henry VI.—And the Congregation also granted that the three players (histriones) shall serve the community this year for twenty-one shillings and their clothing, to be had of every house.

(*b.*) 20 December, 9 Henry VI.—And there choice was made by the Mayor of Richard Lecchour, William Style, John Muriell and John Syffe, for the election of a burgess of parliament: and those four called Andrew Swatton, William Coll, William Palmer, John Spugwell, John Masey, Hugh Crosse, John Bury, William Norfolk, who elected John Parmonter and T. Salibury.

(*c.*) 3 January, 9 Henry VI.—And there John Salus was named with assent to go over to the King of Dacia together with the Ambassador and John Muriell.

(*d.*) 14 January, 10 Henry VI.—And there election was made of divers persons to collect in the different constabularies for the making of the campanile.

„ „ And there was sealed a letter, sent to the Prior of Norwich, the tenor of which follows in these words,—Fulwurshipful and reverent Fader in God We your gostly children the Maior alderman burgeyses and all the Comons of Lynne humbly recomaund us to your good fadirhod, Besechyng that it like to your benigne grace be the avys of the richt discret and religious personys your wurthi birthern of þe covent of Norwiche at þe reverence of God in encresyng of his lovyng and devocioun of þe pepil, and for þe gret quiete and ese of your parisshens of þe same toun to graunte þat þe sacrament of Bapteme and þe sacirimentall of Purificacioun maybe ministrid to your parisshens aforesaid in your Chapell of Seynt Nicolis in þe said toun þe richt of your minister þe Cathedrall churche of Norwiche and of Saynt Margarete þe parissh churche of Lynne in all þinges alwey &c. . . . whiche goode and holy vew shal cause you gret merite for þe . . . þat we trist to God shal growe þerof. In Witness herof to þis present lettir patent We have do sett our comone seel. Yeven in our Gilde Halle þe xiiii day of January in þe x yeer of þe reigne of King Henry þe Sext.

(*d.*) 4 August, 10 Henry VI.—And there John Bampton clearly declared those things which he did with the Chancellor of the Lord King: And there was exhibited the Lord King's brief directed to the Mayor of the town of Lenn, which was read by the common clerk, being put in the mother tongue and afterwards there was exhibited and directed a close letter directed to the Mayor by the Chancellor.

(*e.*) 3 November, 11 Henry VI.—It was ordered that the community shall give to the Lord Bishop one pipe of red wine and one vessel of Rhine-wine, and certain of the portions of oats to ten quarters, and twelve pikys, and twelve tenches and one parcel (ferndell) of sturgeon.

„ „ And there was exhibited a bill on behalf of the players (histrionum), to the effect that they desired an increase of their reward: And it was granted that each of those two should have for his fee twenty shillings and his clothing for that year, which grant shall last for that year to each; And they shall go through the town with their instruments, from the feast of All Saints to the following feast of Purification.

(*f.*) 17 June, 11 Henry VI.—And there in the first place was read a brief of the Lord King for the election of burgesses of parliament. And for the election of them the Mayor chose two of the Twenty-four, and two of the Common Council, viz. William Waterden, Richard Lecchour, John Springwell, and Nicolas Frank; and those four chose two of the Twenty-four and two of the Common Council, viz. William Herford, Andrew Swarton, John Syff, John Adams, and they (*i.e.* the eight) elected William Kirton, William Style, William Raulyn and Robert Walsyngham; Who (viz. the twelve) with unanimous assent elected John Watirden and Thomas Spicer to be burgesses of parliament.

(*g.*) Friday next after the Feast of the Purification, 12 Henry VI.—And there it was moved by the Mayor how the Lord our King intended to come to that town in the second week of Lent next coming, and how order should be taken against his arrival, whereupon it was asked what should be done in that respect. And it was agreed that order should be taken for a hundred pounds, and that those, who had been chosen to assess 30*l.*, should in like manner assess 100*l.*, the 30*l.* being omitted.

(*h.*) 4 April, 13 Henry VI.—In þe same day of þis congregacioun be þe full avyse and assent of þe xxiiii. and þe comon counseill and of all þe burgeses and merchaunts of Lenn it is playnly ordeyned graunted and appoynted þ^t^ for þe profite and welefare of þis town þis Maire Thomas Burgh shalle go in þe Kynges oure sovereyn lordes Ambassiat to Bruges in Flandres like as he is assigned be þe Kynges Comission and commaunded be a pryvie seall, And þat he for þe Wurchipp of þis town in alle pynges shall wele and honestely gone in þourneye accordyng to his office and degree as hym semeth beste, Also Walter Curson and John Bampton of Lenn clerk of þe mairalte and þe commonalte of þe same town ben chosen Proctours to gone for þis town to Bruges in Flandres aforesaid, þere to declare before oure said soverayn Lordes Ambassiatours and þambassiatours of þe Maister of Pruce and of þe Duche Hanse the grevaunces dammages and wronges and other harmes be þe same Maiester and his Sogettes and be þem off þe Hanse, done to men of þis town of Lenn and to aske restitucioun and reformacioun &c. of þe said harmes &c. as it is specified in þe proonvacie (?) under þe comon seall of þis toun made to þe said proctours, Also it is fully graunted þat þe costes and expenses of þe forsaid mater and proctours made in þis journeye and also þeyre rewaard shalbe bourne gaderd and paid be þe said merchauntes and burges of þe merchaundysez þat ben aventured to Pruce Scove to Norweye and Sweche.

„ „ On the same day John Thorysby Alderman was elected by the common assent to occupy the Mayor's office in place of the Mayor during his absence.

(*i.*) 26 January, 19 Henry VI.—On the said day was read and entertained a certain letter, sent by the Duke of Norfolk to the Mayor

alderman and community of this town, touching the eight persons to be sent to the Lord Duke to Norwich, to confer with him there respecting certain matters touching the Lord the King and this town, when there were named by the whole congregation the following eight persons to ride to Norwich on the said business, viz.—John Waryn, Henry Thorisby, John Pygot, John Syf, Simon Draper, John Nicholasson, Robert Hunt and William Kelloc:—and Thomas Tolyot, chamberlain, is chosen to ride with the same eight persons, and to pay for their expenses in this matter out of the goods of the community.

(*j.*) 10 January, 20 Henry VI.—On that day by authority of the Lord the King's brief, directed by the Sheriff of Norfolk to the Mayor, there were elected burgesses of this town to be present at the parliament, to be held at Westminster on the day of Paul's conversion next to come.

In the first place, the Mayor, according to custom, chose for making the aforesaid election William Kyrketon, Bartholomew Colles, John Colchester, William Wareleys, who chose John Saluz, John Seyle, Hugh Crosse, Ralph Bircham, who chose John Syf, William Kellowe, Robert Sad, Th. Calbot, which twelve elected Richard Frank and Walter Curson to be burgesses of the said parliament.

On the said day, it was agreed by the assent of the whole congregation, that [the] burgesses hereafter to be chosen in this town for parliaments shall receive for their wages (viz., each of them) two shillings a day and no more in any manner: and also it was agreed that the Mayor for the time being, at the pleasure of his will, shall name, for the election of burgesses of parliament, any four persons, it shall please him to name, that is to say two of the number twenty-four and two [of] the common council being present at the congregations, whenever Burgesses of this kind shall in future be elected for parliaments. The marginal note touching this memorandum being in these words,—"Ordinacio pro vadiis burgensium parliament' hujus ville que quidem vadia extendunt se per diem ad quatuor solidos et non amplius."

The Latin of these remarkable memoranda runs thus:—"In primis Maior ut est moris vocavit pro eleccione premissa facienda Will' Kyrketon, Barth' Colles, Joh' Colchester, Will' Wareleys, qui vocaverunt Johannem Saluz, Joh' Style, Hug' Crosse, Rad' Bircham, qui vocaverunt Joh' Syf, Will' Kellowe, Rob' Sad, Th. Calbot, qui duodecim elegerunt in Burgenses dicti parliament. Ricm' Frank, Walt' Curson.

"Dicto die concordatum fuit per assensum tocius congregacionis quod burgenses in hac villa pro parliamentis imposterum eligendi percipient pro eorum vadiis quolibet die, videlicet uterque eorum, duos solidos et non amplius ullo modo, et eciam concordatum fuit quod Maior qui pro tempore fuerit ad sue libitum voluntatis nominabit pro eleccione burgensium parliamenti quatuor personas, scilicet duas de numero xxiiii°, et duas de communi consilio, interessentes ad congregaciones quando hujusmodi burgenses in futuro pro parliamentis eligentur."

(*k.*) Die Jovis, next following the Feast of St. Scolastica the Virgin, 23 Henry VI.—On that day by authority of the Lord the King's brief, directed by the sheriff to the bailiff of the liberty of Lenn, there were chosen burgesses of this town, to attend the parliament to be held at Westminster on the 25th day next to come. In the first place the Mayor, according to custom chose, for making the aforesaid election, John Robynson, John Colchester, William Costyn, John Smyth, who chose John Saluz, John Pygot, William Costyn, John Smyth, who

chose William Kellowe, Simon Pygot, William Hardy, John Dody, which twelve burgesses chose for burgesses of the said parliament Thomas Burgh and Henry Thorisby.

(*l.*) 5 August, 24 Henry VI.—On the same day it was ordered that the Mayor's sword should be borne before him with the point upward (puncto erecto) according to the grant made by the Lord King, when he was last in the town, to the Mayor.

(*m.*) Monday 5 December, 25 Henry VI.—On the same day was read what was shown to the Mayor and community by Thomas Salisbury late Mayor of this Town, that the Lord our King at his last coming to the town of his special grace granted to the Mayor and community of the said town, that henceforth the Mayor's sword should be borne before him with point erect, as appeared more fully at the congregation held on the 5th day of August last past; and that upon this the said Lord the King with the said Mayor sent a certain letter written on parchment and sealed with the King's signet, directed to the Bishop of Chichester, keeper of the Privy Seal, and in his absence to his deputy, for the carriage of the Mayor's said sword; and that afterwards the same Lord the King by his Privy Seal strictly commanded, that the Mayor's sword should not be borne before in any way, other than the way in which it was borne before the King's said last coming to the town; the tenor of the said Privy Seal being in these words:—By the Kyng, Trusty and welbeloved We be enfourmed by the Worshipyfull Fadir in god the bisshop of Norwich Lord of the burgh and towne of Lynne that undre colour of youre suete late made unto us at our beyng there, to have a swerd and a mace to be boren byfore the Meire of the said burgh for þe tyme being, Ye the Meyre of the said borough have a swerd and a mace boren before you, otherwise than was done byfore oure beyng theyre, notwithstandyng ye have no lettres patentes of our graunt so for to do the which is ayenst the fourme of oure lawe, and prejudicial to the said Worshipful Fadre in God, and to the Chirche of Norwich as [we] be enfourmed, And how be it that We were wele enclyned to your desire in this behalf, yit it was not, nother is not, oure entent, to prejudice any partie, and namely the Chirche for by oure oth made at oure coronacioun We be bounde to supporte and maynteyne the Chirche and the ryght thereof, And therefore We wol and charge you Meire straitely that all execusacions left ye ceese from hens forwarde to have any swerde or mace, to be bore before you, otherwyse than was used before oure beyng there, And We charge you straitely the Commoinalte of þe said borough that ye suffre not, the Meire that now is, and that for the time shalbe, to have any swerd, or mace to be boren before him in the said borough, otherwise than was used also before our last being there. Yeven under oure Prive Seal at Westminster the viii. day of November.

Which lettter of the Privy Seal having been thus read, it was ordained by the whole Congregation, that the Mayor's sword should henceforth be borne only in the manner and way in which it was borne before the said King's coming to this town.

(*n.*) 16 July, 27 Henry VI.—Ordinance by the Mayor and council, made for the good government of the Craft of taillours of the town of Bishop's Lenn, whereby it was appointed that yearly all tailors, plying their craft in the said town should appear before the Mayor in the Guildhall within the two months following St. Michael's Feast, and in his presence choose two of their number to act as Hedesmen of their craft, during the ensuing twelve months, who on their election should

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take the following oath :— Sires ye shul wele duly and trewely make serche of your crafte of all dwellers with in the town att this time and that from this tyme forward no newe come persones sette uppe the saide crafte with oute he be sufficiaunt in connyng, Whos sufficiaunce and connyng shal be determyned be þe advyse of the meyre and the seid hedesmen. And every persone so newe come and amitted and wilbe no burgeys for his newe settyng uppe shal paye to the Meyre xl *d.*, to the comons of Lenn xl *d.*, and to the said hedesmen xl *d.*, Which xl *d.* shal go to the sustentacioun of the procession upon Corpus Christi day, And yf he wil be burgeys than he to pay but xl *d.* for his no newe settyng uppe to þe seid hedesmen for every sower be the weke denysen q^a^ for every sower be the quarter denysen ii *d.*, and for every sower of alyaunt duble to þe sower of deynsens upon the peyne the seid dwellers paye duble hem selffe, And also what persone of the seide crafte kepe any prentys with in the toun from this tyme forward and be no burgeys shal paye to þe sustentacioun of the seid procession on Corpus Christi day xl *d.*, And the Meyre to sette a rewele therein according to þe statute in the Hall of olde tyme, And yf any persone compleyne of any man of the seid crafte þt he hath hurte be mysse cuttyng or mysse shapyng or any parte of his clothe taken otherwyse than in trewe forme upon which any persone or persones so convicted be leful and due preves þat þan he or they so convycted to make amendes to þe party or partyes so greved be the sight of the Meyre and the seid hedesmen, And yf any persone of the said crafte slaundre any man of such dedis so doon and may not evydently be preved be due and leeful preves they to be punysshed be þe avyse of the Meyre and the seid hedesmen and to forfete as often as he is founden so fauty xl *d.*, Which shall go to þe seid procession upon Corpus Christi day, And yf any other other persone than of the said crafte compleyn or slaundre any man of dedis so doon, and may not be duly preved, thei to be punnysshed be advyse of the Meyre and his counsell, And yf ther be any controverseis and debates among any of the seid crafte shaper or sower noon of them to sewe other in no manere wyse but to come to þe ii hedesmen and to compleyne to hem yf nede be and thei to do ther parte to drawe hem to accorde and yf thei may not þat þan thei to make relacioun to Meyre every man doying the contrary shal þe payne accordyng to þe statute in the halle and yf any of the seid ii hedesmen wil be parciall or rewle þe mater otherwise than conciens that than he þat so feleth him agreved come and compleyne to the Meyre and yf any þe seid hedesmen be slawe and wil not do as it is afornseid so that they departe without remedy so that who of hem sewe other throwe here defaute that iche of þe seid hedesmen so preved gilty to forfete þe peyne þat longeth to the halle &c. Followed by the names of the thirty-eight tailors of Lenn affected by the statute.

(IV.) 31 Henry VI. to 11 Henry VII.—Assembly (or Congregation) Book, No. III. Folio of 317 leaves, with pamphlet index to contents at the opening of the volume, containing with other matters the following memoranda.

(*a.*) 31 March, 31 Henry VI.—On that day they elected burgesses of parliament. The Mayor, in accordance with custom, chose (vocavit) Richard Cosyn, Hugh Crosse, William Gilbert, J. Petyclerk, Robert Hunt, Robert Lexham, William Assill, Martin Wrighte, John Cave, William Alkas, J. Melcheburn, William Philpot, who being sworn, &c. elected for burgesses of parliament Henry Bermyngham and William Pilton. On this occasion the Mayor seems to have named all the electors, taking them from "the Twenty-four" and "the Twenty-seven."

(*b.*) 3 July, 33 Henry VI.—On that day they elected burgesses. The Mayor, in accordance with custom, for electing burgesses of parliament, &c. as is aforesaid, &c., Robert Hunte, William Pilton, William Toot, Thomas Leighton, and they chose William Wareles, William Assill, Hugh Crosse, John Melcheburn, Thomas Thornham, John Boys, John Trunche, William Lynne, Who being sworn, &c. chose for burgesses of parliament Henry Thorisby and Walter Cony. In this case the Mayor named four persons, who chose the other eight members of the electing Committee, which consisted wholly of persons who were either Jurats or of "the Twenty-seven."

(*c.*) 16 July, 33 Henry VI.—On the same day William Pilton was elected into the number of "the Twenty-four," and he took time till the next Assembly to bring x *li.* into Hall or otherwise to accept the burden.

(*d.*) 30 January, 36 Henry VI.—Also on the same day the matter, touching the tenement in which Elias Bulwere the butcher, is put in the arbitrament of John Pygott, Walter Cony, Thomas Tuliott, Thomas Thorneham arbitrators chosen by the aforesaid Elias, and of Henry Bermynghham, William Cauce (?), Robert Lexham and William Ivott, arbitrators elected by the community; to make their arbitrament this side the Lord's Day in . . . Easter, next coming.

(*e.*) 9 January, 38 Henry VIII.—Memorandum, that Symon Pygott and William Pilton, late burgesses of parliament, rode towards Coventre on Wednesday next before the Feast of St. Edmund the King last past and returned to Lenn on the vigil of the Lord's Nativity, and thus protracted their stay (moram) in going thither, waiting there and returning to forty-one days, whence the sum at the rate of four shillings a day extends itself to viii. *li.* iiij. *s.* of which they received beforehand one hundred shillings. And thus there are owed to the same Simon and William sixty-four shillings. And on that day the said Symon and William declared the acts of parliament.

(*f.*) 10 December, 39 Henry VI.—Memorandum that on that day Henry Bermyngham and William Pilton, burgesses of parliament, declared the acts of the parliament &c. ; and the same burgesses rode towards London on Friday the third day of October and returned to Lenn on the second day of December then next following, and thus they were at parliament, with going and returning, throughout sixty days, and the parliament is prorogued to the twenty-eighth day of January next to come.

(*g.*) 12 February, 39 Henry VI.—On the same day it was ordained that all those persons, who have been appointed captains in the several constabularies of this town, shall provide and each of them shall provide for the defence of the ward assigned to him, and that each constabulary may be sufficiently defended this side the Lord's day next coming, under a penalty of forty shillings for each captain being wanting: And that every person of each constabulary, who shall have been summoned by any captain for the defence of his ward, and shall refuse to obey, shall forfeit to the community of the town three shillings and fourpence every time he shall be disobedient. Also on the same day it was ordained that two constables shall watch every night for a certain time. (N.B.—Similar orders for putting the town in a state of defence, by perfecting the military organisation of the constabularies, appear in the present book.)

And on the same day John Burbage delivered here upon the "screnium *alias* scrinium" a little box with the charters of the tene-

ment late of John Curson in Baxterrowe, another little box with the charters of the tenements late of John Flete in Briggegate, and another little box with the charters of the tenement, late of John Massingham in Dampgate, and a book late of John Assheburne; which little boxes and book remain in the "screnium."

(*h.*) 30 December, 1 Edward IV.—On the same day Symon Pygot and Henry Bermyngeham declared the acts of the parliament last past, namely certain acts in writing and certain by word of mouth &c. Which Symon and Henry rode towards London to the Parliament on Friday next before the Feast of All Saints last past, and returned home to Lenn "die Jovis in vigilia Natal' domini." And thus they attended at Parliament, with the going and returning, for fifty-six days.

(*i.*) 11 February, 2 Edward IV. On the same day it was agreed that, for the xxxviii *li.* xiiii *s.* iiii *d.* which divers Burgesses have provided for the use of the community, and for the vi *li.* owed to John Martyn and his associates for the wages of subordinate persons, a certain tax shall be assessed to the sum of xxxvi *li.*, for assessing which tax there were elected—

Henry Bermyngeham Edmund Westhorp William Ivott John Smyth Thomas Bene William Warles	of the Number of "the Twenty-four."
William Bole Robert Mareis John Stowe William Raulyn John Stone Adam Okey	of the Common Council.
John Boyes John Balle Thomas Chamberleyn Robert Chapman William Dunnell Andrew Price	of the Community (de Communitate).

(N.B.—Noteworthy for its evidence that the inferior burgesses, who were neither members of "the Twenty-four," nor members of the Common Council ["the Twenty-seven"] had at this time a voice in the assessment of taxes, this entry is also interesting for its evidence that the word "Communitas" had already lost its original meaning and was used to designate the humblest and least influential class of burgesses.)

(*j.*) 6 September, 5 Edward IV.—On the same day William Caus and Robert Thoresby declared the acts of the parliament. And the same burgesses tarried at the parliament through one hundred and twenty-three days.

(*k.*) 30 October, 5 Edward IV.—This day it is ordeyned by all the Congregacion abovesaide that no man within the Towne of Lenne dwellyng fro hens furthward shall kepe nor favour nor mayteyne eny common Tapster with in his house as servaunt or tenaunt, whiche is knowen for a misgoverned woman, upon peyne of xl *s.* als often as ony persone is so founden defectif: Provided alway, that if ony man have ony woman to his tenaunt, that kepith a tappestre and is a mysgoverned woman her landelord unwityng, that hir landelord be noght in the case of this ordenaunce but if he supporte or maynteyne his saide

tenaunt after monicioun̄s to hym made by the Maire of this Towne and also that all suiche comen Tapstres be avoided out of this Towne by Cristemesse even next comyng by proclamacion thereof to be made.

Also it is ordeyned by the saide congregacioun that non bocher, taillour, shomaker, pateynmaker, nor non other artificer with in this towne except wynetaverners and comen cokes selle no manere fleshe nor other vitaill nor non other ware upon the Sonday to non manere persone of this towne nor straunger upon peyne to pay als oft as he is found defectif vi *s.* viii *d.*, the tyme of harvest and also cases reasonable of nede and necessarie oonly excepted.

(*l.*) Friday 'in crastino Ascensionis Domini,' 7 Edward IV.—Also, on the same day a certain brief for the election of burgesses of parliament was read publicly before the Mayor and the community, which brief having been read, the Mayor in accordance with custom chose for the aforesaid election the under-written persons—

Thomas Calbott, Thomas Bene } of the number of the xxiiii
William Raulyn, John Bilney } of the Common Council
} Who chose

John Pigott, Robert Hunt, Robert Mareis, Gilbert Watson } Who chose
} Symon Pigott, Ralph Gerton, Robert Vmfray, Robert Kereby

Who elected for Burgesses of Parliament, Henry Bermyngham and William Pilton.

[It may be remarked that John Pigot, Robert Hunt, Symon Pigott and Ralph Gerton were of the Twenty-four Jurats, and that Robert Mareis, Gilbert Watson, Robert Vmfray and Robert Kereby were of the Common Council *viz.* of the Twenty-Seven representatives of the nine constabularies].

(*m.*) 13 December, 9 Edward IV.—On the same day the Mayor, in accordance with custom, chose for the election of a constable in the place of John Blanche.

Richard Godewyn, Thomas Wright, John Boys, Gilbert Watteson } Who chose
} Edward Westhorp, Ralph Geyton, Robert Mareis, Robert Vmfray } Who

elected for a constable Robert Powdiche

(*n.*) 18 December, 12 Edward IV.—Memorandum :—That on this day Henry Bermyngham mayor and William Nicholasson, burgesses of parliament, declared a certain Act of the parliament, for the grant of a tenth of all the lands and tenements of all persons holding the same in England, for one year; And that the same parliament is prorogued.

(*o.*) Die Jovis in Festo Decollacionis Sancti Johannis, 16 Edward IV. —On the same day, Walter Cony, Alderman of the Gild of the Holy Trinity of the town of Lenne, and William Nicholasson the Mayor, together with very many other burgesses of the same town, being there present and assembled for the election of the Mayor and other officers of the aforesaid town, for the coming year, the aforesaid Alderman in accordance with the form of an agreement in that respect made, and exemplified under the King's Great Seal took his charge, and chose for the aforesaid election the four under-written burgesses, viz. John Ernesby, John Trunch, William Raulyn, and Edmund Bawsey: Who chose, John Smyth, John Massyngham, Thomas Chamberleyn, and

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John Blanche, John Burton, William Lamkyn, John Bilney and John Aildburgh.

Which aforesaid twelve persons elected for Mayor of this town for the coming year, Thomas Leighton; for chamberlains, William Herwode, Edmund Demany, Richard Tighe, John Rede; for recorder, John Burbage; for common serjeant, Edward Salthons; for keeper of the east gate and market, William Baker; for keeper of the south gate, William Palmer; for keeper of the doucehill gate, Henry Bocher.

(*p.*) 6 March, 18 Edward IV. — John Burbage and William Marche, burgesses for the borough of Lenn to be present at the parliament of the Lord King, were in attendance on the said parliament, in going to it, waiting there, and in returning from the same, for forty-seven days.

(*q.*) 12 March, 19 Edward IV.—Also on the said day it was ordained, for the good of the peace amongst all the burgesses and inhabitants of this town, that in each constabulary of this town one person of the number of the twenty-four jurats shall be chosen for Alderman of that constabulary, and that the same Alderman and the constable of his constabulary shall determine all controversies and debates of every kind whatsoever of the inhabitants of their constabulary, and reduce the parties abiding therein to peace; And that every burgess and inhabitant in each constabulary shall obey and yield to the judgment and ordinance of the aforesaid alderman and constable; And that if the said Alderman and constable shall be unable to reduce the parties to peace, no burgess or inhabitant of any such constabulary shall be suitor in any courts spiritual or temporal, unless he shall have the licence of the Mayor. And for the execution of the aforesaid ordinance, divers persons of the number of the Twenty-Four were chosen Aldermen.

(*r.*) 24 April, 1 Edward V.—Our said Lord King sent a letter to the Mayor and his brethren &c., which was read on the said day; the tenor whereof follows:—Trusti and welbelovyd We grete you well, and where as it hath pleased [God] to take out of this transitory lyf the most victorious Christen Prince of famous memory King Edward the iiiith our kyng loving lord, and fader, whos soule god of his infinite mercye pardon, The lamentable and most sorowfulle tydynges therof was shewed unto us the xiiiith daye of this present moneth, which stered us to alle sorowe and pensyfnes, yit remembryng that we be alle mortall and nedely must obey goddes ordenaunce and take it therfor as we shalle doo al thynges obeisantly after his will, And where it hath pleased hym to ordeigne and provide us to succede and enherite my seid lord and fader in the preemynence and dignite Royalle of the Crowne of Englond and Fraunche, We entend by hym that sendeth alle power with the feithful assistence of you and other our true and lovyng subgettes so to governe rule and protecte this our Realme of Englonde as shalbe to his pleasyr oure honor and the wele and suerte of all oure subgettes in the same and to be att oure Cite of London in alle convenient haste by goddes grace to be crowned at Westminstre, Wiilyng and charging you to se that our peax be surely kepte and good governaunce had within the town of Lynne, Not fayling to excute our commandement and your auctorite in that behalfe favour or dewte of eny persons what estate or degre he be offe as ye entende our singler pleasure and your trewe acquittal therin ye shal deserve of us speciall thankes. Yeven undre our signet at our Castell of Ludlowe the xvi day of Aprill.

(*t.*) 22 October, 2 Henry VII.—This day is shoed and red a lettre that came from our Sovereyn Lord the Kynge for to make serche this present moneth for vacabowndes and vailant beggers &c. &c.

(*u.*) 26 October 1487.—Also yt is accordyd wher as ther is a new pare of stokkes made by the meanes of one Robert Mathew smyth sette aforn the dorr of the said Robert, yt is acordyd þat if the said Robert wyll not obey to the ordenannces of this towne that my mayster the mayr that now is shalle do sette away the said stokkes and set hem in the markett place and to sette the said Robert in the said stokkes in the markett place till he wyll be obedyent.

(*v.*) 8 January, 11 Henry VII.—This same day John Gryndall alderman and William Horwode chochen burgess of the last parliament cam in and shewid what actes were made in the said parliament, which actes the said John Gryndall aldirman declared and redde them opynly afore alle the congregacion here.

(*x.*) 24 March, 11 Henry VII.—Thies same day were redde the Kinge's lettres directid from the King the xxiiiith day of March, on to Maistre touching the Diete to be holden at Andewarp betwene the Esterlinges the Stedn and the kinges Ambassadours to understand of any greves as it apperith in the same letter [of] which copie [is] writtyn in the leiff folowing; and an other letter directid to the Maier and his brethren for the bonde of thamite and peace entrecourz of merchandise intelligence, and the copie of [the] bonde desired by the King undrethe to be had and sent to the King, which lres and copie of the bonde bee engrose in the next Leiff, first begynyng of Asshburns booke, as it apperith in the same. It is consentid agreed and condescended by all and every singler persoun of this congregacion that the same bonde shalbe sealid with the comen seale, and they be agreed everychone and upon peyne shall appere at Seint Margarites chirch for the sealing yerof at iiii of the clok at afternoon and William Off' is named and assigned to ride up to London and ther shall delyver the said Bound.

(V.) 12 Henry VII. to 35 Henry VIII.—Assembly (or Congregation) Book No. IV. Large Folio of 345 leaves (many of them mutilated) containing the following entries.

(*a.*) 5 January, 19 Henry VII.—This day the Mayre have called for the eleccioun of the burges of the parliament theyse persons folowyng, for asmoch as Thomas Guybon late elected burges of the seid parliament hath refewsed and wyl not take upon him,

Henry Bretenham,	William Osse,	Nicholas Yosson,
John Recclys,	Robert Amfless,	William Ivye,
John Grendell,	Richard Price,	Thomas Fyssher,
John Wilkinson,	John Daweney,	Richard Amfles,

who elected for burgesses of parliament, William Trewe and William Grebye.

(*b.*) 7 January, 1 Henry VIII.—This day by avyce of the congregacion, M^{r} Meyre hath named for the eleccion of the burgesez of the parliament these persons folowyng, for asmoch as M^{r} Wyth hathe excused him by the service of the Bysshop of Ely and M^{r} Gerves by extreme perell of sykenes, therfore the Mayre hath named for the said eleccion these persones followyng—

Richard Bewshere,	qui elegerunt	John Grendell, sen^{r}	Henry Bretenham,
Richard Peper,		William Cnesford,	M^{r} Burdy,
Thomas Myller,		Christofer Brodbank,	John Grendell, jun^{r}
John Hullyer,		Roger Bowesey,	Richard Harde,

who elected Thomas Guybon and Francis Mondeford.

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(*c.*) 28 January, 3 Henry VIII.—Election of burgesses of parliament :—

By the Mayor { Richard Bewshere, John Grendell, Thomas Miller, Richard Bull, } who chose { Robert Soome, Thomas Leyghton, Christopher Brodbank, Thomas Barrett, } { Richard Peper, Richard Price, Thomas Roose, John Alward, }

who elected for Burgesses of Parliament M^r^ Thomas Wyth, the mayor, and Francis Mondeford.

(*d.*) 22 January, 6 Henry VIII.—For the expenses of burgesses of parliament. This day be chosen these persones followyng to cesse the knyghtes mete for the burgeses of the last [parliament].

Sessars - { John Grendell, senr, John Alysaunce, Richard Peper, Robert Amfles, senr, } { John Hullyor, William Barker, William Hawe, Humfre Wolle, } { John Barnard, Robert Spaldyng, John Morse, John Assheby, }

Followed by the names of the nine collectors of the cessement in the nine constabularies of the town.

(*e.*) 20 August, 12 Henry VIII.—Memorandum, that the Monday the xx^ti^ day of August in the xii^th^ yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry the VIII^te^, the tyme of Robert Gerves Mayer of Lenn. The Most Reverend Father in God Thomas Lord Cardynall Legate a latere Archebysshope of York, Primate and Chaunceler of England with the Bysshope of Ely and a Bysshope of Irland, with many knyghtes and esquyers com' to Lenn, Which Lord Cardynall &c. was met on the caunsy beyound Gaywood brigge with the Mayre and commons of Lenn, Which lord Cardynall was presented at Hulyns Place with xx^ti^ dosen brede, vi soys of ale, xv barelles of beer, a tonn and xii galon of wyne, ii oxen, xx^ti^ shepe, x signettes, xii capons, iii botores, iii shovelerdes, xiii plovers, viii pykes, and iii tenches, and on the next Wednesday after the seyd Lord Cardynall with the forseyd Bisshops knightes and esquyers departed, and the forseyd Mayor and commoinaltye brought the sayd Lord Cardynall beyound Hardewyk churche and ther departed from the sayd Lord Cardynall with gret laude and thankes.—Summa Totalis.—xxii *li.* vi *d.* payd for the charges of the seyd present, with rewardes yeven to diverse officers of the seyd Lord Cardynall.

(*d.*) 31 March, 14 Henry VIII.—Congregation of burgesses held in the Gild Hall of Bishop's Lenn :—Thomas Miller (gubernator), Richard Bewshere, Thomas Leyghton, William Castell, Christopher Brodbank, Richard Peper, John Holyour, Roger Bowesey, Robert Parmenter, Edward Baker, Thomas Palmer, William Crampe, William Olyett, John Dunston, William Gerves, John Judde, Humfrey Wolle, John Odam, William Wygan, William Kenette, Robert Roughton, William Hall draper, Henry Duplak, William Loklay, William Hall taylor, Peter Mowthe, John Malby junr, Robert Candeler, William Baxter, William Mowthe, Simon Thompson.

The greater part of whom, viz., Richard Peper, John Holys, Robert Parmenter, William Olyett, William Gerves, John Judde, Humfrey Wolle, John Odam, William Wygan, William Kenette, Peter Mowthe, John Malby junr, Robert Candeler, William Baxter, Thomas Water, William Mowthe, Simon Thompson, Thomas Herryson, John Whyte,

Robert Lambard, John Suff, John Knape elected these two underwritten for burgesses of parliament,

Mr. Thomas Miller, gubernator, and
„ Richard Bewshere.

It is worthy of observation that every burgess voting at this election was either one of "the Twenty-four," or one of "the Twenty-seven" and that the introductory record of the persons present at the congregation makes no mention of seven of the persons, who voted with the majority.

(*e.*) 5 November, 15 Henry VIII.—This daye it is agreed by all the congregacion forseid that a sessement, late sessed for the wages of the burgesses of the parliament, shalbe gathered up by the Collectours of every Ward, and furthermore that the same bylles shalbe gathered abowte agayn, and that every man that was sessed by the first bylles at ii *d.* shall paye nowe at this second gatheryng of every of them iiii *d.* And furthermore to sesse all those persounes that be now cum to the Town or were forgoten at the other sessing as they shall thynk reson and good consciens, and that this mony be levyed wythynne viii dayes, and be disposed in makyng the town fensaybyll with gunstones gunpowder bulwarkes, and other artylary in all hast and for to fynd a post accordyng to the commaundement of the kynges commissioneres, and John Malby shalbe the post, and have every weke xviii *d.* for fyndyng of his horse and his self and every day that he ryde to have xii *d.*

(*f.*) Friday before the Feast of Epiphany, 19 Henry VIII.—This day the whole company before-rehersed ben aggred that the Frenche Quene and the Duc of Suffolk shalbe presented at the White Freers with ii hoggeshedes of wyne, iiij swannes, with other wylde fowle.

(*g.*) Friday before the Feast of All Saints, 27 Henry VIII.—This day the Mayer aldermen and comen counselle have elect and chosen in burgess of the Kinges parliament for the tyme to come in lewe and place of Richard Bewsher, Robert Suthwell esquyer by the whole assent.

(*h.*) 31 May, 28 Henry VIII.—Congregation held at Bishop's Lenn :—Maior cum xii. : —Thomas Water mayor, John Gryndell, Richard Bowsher, Thomas Leyghton, Thomas Miller, Robert Aumfles, Robert Parmotour, John Water, John Power, Edward Baker, William Hall.

Numerus de xviii :—Peter Cur, William Kenete, William Hall, Peter Clebourn, Henry Dewplak, George Amis, Stephen Leyghton, Roger Bowsey, William Baxter, Thomas Bowsey, William Norman. This day alle the hole assent of theis abovenamed have elect for burgesses of parliament for this towne William Conyngeby and Robert Southwell esquires, and gyven them full auctorite and power to deal with all matters in Parliament.

(*i.*) Friday, April, 30 Henry VIII.—This day the Mayer, aldermen and comen counsell have elect and chosyn to be burgesses at the parliament for this parliament to begyn the xxviii day of this present moneth of Aprell for this town of Kyng's Len, Robert Suthwell, esquyer, and Thomas Water, and have gyven them full power and auctorite to tract and comon in all and every thynge and thynges consernyng the said parliament.

(*j.*) Friday, ante festum Natalis Domini, 33 Henry VIII.—Thys daye the Mayer, aldermen, and comon counsell have elect and chosen to be burges of the parlament for thys parlament to begyn the xviith day of Januarii next cumyng for this towne of Kynges Lynne, Thomas Water and Thomas Myllar, and have gyven them full power and auctoryte to treate and comon in all and every thyng and thynges consernyng the sayde parlament.

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(VI.) 35 Henry VIII. to 11 Elizabeth.—Assembly (or Congregation) Book, No. V.; large folio of 522 leaves, containing with a large number of other matters the following memoranda,—

(*a.*) 14 January, 36 Henry VIII.—This day the Mayer, recorder, the aldermen and common counsell have electyd and chosen for burgesses of the parlyament Edmund Grey and Thomas Myller.

(*b.*) Monday before the Feast of St. Michael, 1 Edward VI.—This daye M^r^ Maior with the whole assent of the aldermen and comen counsell have elected and chosen M^r^ Thomas Gawdy esq. and M^r^ William Ouerend to be burgesses of parlyament.

(*c.*) 7 October, 1 Edward VI.—Badges for pore and impotent persons. This daye yt is agreed that there shalbe badges made of leade and engraved with a roose and an E and an R of the sydes for suche aged and impotent persons as ben within this town and ben not able to labour for theire lyvyng to beare, wherby they maybe knowen from other, and that thees badges shall not be delyvered to any of the sayd impotent persons, butt by the advice of M^r^ Maior and of the alderman and constable of every ward, wherein they shalbe admytted.

(*d.*) Friday, in the Vigil of Saints Peter and Paul, 3 Edward VI.—This daye it is agreed and establyshed by M^r^ Mayor, aldermen and comen counsaill that M^r^ Mayor on Sundaie next comyng shall in recompens of the wyne and breade for the communyon and for the offering offer and give unto the curat of the church of St. Margaret viii^d^ for all iii churches, and that every inhabitaunt of this town oon after an othr every Sondaye shall doo likewise as the turn shall come abowt in maner and forme as hertofore the Holy Breade Loffe hath ben yevyn, provided allway that yf the hows wherin such inhabitaunt doth inhabit and dwell be not of the value of xx^s^ yerely or soo leaten that then ii or iii of the next shalbe joyned unto hym and to paie porcion lyke towardes the charges of the communyon and offering aforesaid.

(*e.*) 20 January, 6 Edward VI.—This daie M^r^ Mayor, aldermen and comen counsaill have elected and chosen Sir Richard Corbett knight and M^r^ Thomas Waters gent. to be burgesses of this next parlyament.

(*f.*) 18 September, 1 Mary.—This daie M^r^ Aldermen and comen counsaill have elected John Walpole esquier and Thomas Waters gen. to be burgesses of the parlyament.

(*g.*) 2 March, 1 Mary.—This daye M^r^ Mayor, aldermen and comen counsaill have elected and chosen Thomas Waters and William Ouerend to be burgesses of the parlyament nowe to be holden at the citie of Oxforth.

(*h.*) 27 April, 1 Mary.—Memorandum: that Henry Bleisby at the request of M^r^ Mayor and his company have disbursed unto M^r^ Ouerend v *li.* towards his charges nowe at the parlyament.

(*i.*) 3 November, 1 & 2 Philip and Mary.—M^r^ Mayor, aldermen and comen counsaill have this daie with oon assent and consent elected and chosen Sir Thomas Moyle knight and Thomas Waters to be burgesses of the parlyament.

(*j.*) Friday next after the Feast of St. Michael, 2 & 3 Philip and Mary.—This daie M^r^ Mayor, alldermen and comon counsaill have elected and chosen Thomas Waters to be oon of the burgesses of the parlyament, and Sir Nicholas Lestraunge knight for thother burges yf he will receve it yf not then Robert Gervis ys elected.

(*k.*) Die Jovis ante Festum Natalis Domini, 4 & 5 Philip and Mary. —Mr Mayor, alldermen and comen counsaill have this daye elected Mr Ambrose Gilberd esquier, recorder of this towne, and Mr Thomas Waters to be burgesses of the parlyament.

(*l.*) 30 September, 5 & 6 Philip and Mary.—Mr Maior, aldermen and comen counsaill have elected Mr William Yeluerton esquier, to be burges of parlyament.

(*m.*) 14 December, 5 Elizabeth.—Mr. Maior, aldermen and comen counsaill have this day elected Mr Recorder of this town to be oon of our burgesses of the parlyament for this town, and agreed that a burgess of the town shall be another.

(*n.*) 29 December, 5 Elizabeth.—Mr Maior, aldermen and comen counsaill have this daye elected Mr Richard Lestraunge esquier to be burgesse of the parlyament for this towne.

(*o.*) 5 November, 10 Elizabeth.—Mr Maior, alldermen and comen counsaill hath this daye condiscended and agreed that the Crosses on the Steeple shall be taken down.

(VII). 11–33 Elizabeth.—Assembly (or Congregation) Book, No. VI.—Large Folio of 431 leaves, containing the ensuing memoranda.—

(*a.*) 16 March, 13 Elizabeth.—This daye Mr Bell, recorder of this towne, and Mr. Kyme, one of the aldermen and a burgesse of this towne, were elected to be burgesses of the parlement, according to the tenor of the statutes in that case made and provided.

(*b.*) 19 April 1571.—At this daye Mr Mayor, the aldermen and common councell have elected and chosen John Pell and Thomas Grave to be burgesses of this borough for the next parlement.

(*c.*) 6 August 1578.—At this daye Mr Mayor, aldermen and comen councell have condiscended and agreed that, where the Quenes Majestie ys nowe comyng into the Countie of Norfolk, in progress, that (to thintent to sheawe there dutifull obedience and good wills) a present shal be gevin and presented to her Majestie of one hundred Angellz yf yt shall so be thought mete and convenient by the Erle of Leycester, beinge Highe Stewarde of this towne, and Mr Recorder, towardes the performance whereof there was delivered to Mr Maier xlv *li.* x *s.* of the comen treasour of this Town.

(*d.*) 13 January, 22 Elizabeth.—At this daye Mr Mayor, aldermen and burgesses have elected and chosen John Payton esquire to be burgess of the parlament for this Boroughe, and have given to the said John Payton full and sufficient power for hymself and the Comoinaltie of the same Borough to do and concent to thoes thinges which in the said parlament of the Comen Councell of the Quenes Majesties realme (God favoringe) shall happen to be ordeyned, accordyng to a precept to us directed by Thomas Knyvett knight, highe shiriff of the countie of Norfolk.

(*e.*) 8 November 1584.—At this daye Mr Maier, aldermen and comen counsell have elected and chosen John Peyton esq. and Richard Clark alderman, burgesses and inhabitantes of the Town of Kinges Lenn, to be burgesses in the parliament howse of this burgh of Kynges Lenn att the next parliament, now summoned to be holden and kepte the xxiii of this present moneth, and have geven unto them full and sufficient power for themselves and comynaltie of this borough, to do and concent to those thinges, which in the parlyament aforesaid of the comen counsell of Quenes Majesties realme (God favouringe) shall happen to be ordeyned.

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(*f.*) 24 May 1585.—Forasmuche as it hath pleased Allmightie God to begynn to send us his visitacion with sickenes amongst us, and that dogges and cattes are thought verie unfitt to be suffered in this tyme, Therfore Mr Maior, aldermen and comon councell have ordered and decreed that every Inhabitant within the same Town shall forthwith take all their dogges and yappes, and hange them or kill them, and carrye them unto some out-place and burye them for breadinge of a greater anoyaunce, but onlie such as have a dogge of accompte, that will keep the same kenelled or tied up, or not to come abrode, unlesse the same be led in a lease, otherwise the same to be killed fourthwith by such as shalbe appointed for that purpose (except the dogges of Straungers comyng into this Town with their Masters, not knowing of this order). And likewise for cattes, if there be any nigh unto any house or houses visited with sickenes in this towne, for that thei be very daungerous to infecte sound and cleare houses. Therefore it is likewise ordered that the cattes shall furthwith be killed in all suche places.

(*g.*) 5 October 1586. — Att this daie Mr Richard Clark and Mr Thomas Oxburgh are elected and chosen by Mr Mayor, the aldermen and comen counsell to be burgesses for this burrough, for the parliament summoned to begyn the xvth of this present moneth of October.

(*h.*) 4 August 1587.—Also att this daie it is agreed by Mr Maior, the aldermen and comen counsell that his Majesties players nowe beinge in this towne shall have geven them of the townes allowances xl *s.*

(*i.*) 4 November 1588. — Att this daye Mr Richard Clarck and Mr Thomas Boston aldermen are elected and chosen by Mr Mayor the aldermen and comen counsell to be burgesses for this burgh, for the parliament summoned to begynne the xiith daye of this present moneth of November, &c. &c.

(*j.*) 18 July 1589.—At this daie there was graunted to be allowed to Mr Sandill, in respecte he did in the yere of his maioraltie entertayn Sir Walter Rawlye knight and his companye in resortinge hether about the Quenes affayrs, and that he did entertayn the Deputie-Lievetenauntes resortinge hether about the townes affairs, tenne poundes:—Summa x *li.*"

(VIII.) 33 Elizabeth to 9 James I.—Assembly (or Congregation) Book, No. VII. Large Folio of 495 leaves containing—

(*a.*) 29 January 1592.—Record of the election by "Mr Maior and the burgesses of this town" of Sir John Peyton knight and William Lewis esq., recorder of the town, to be burgesses of parliament.

(*b.*) 16 September 1597. — Record of the election, by "Mr Maior the aldermen and comen counsell burgess [es] of this town," of Thomas Oxburgh esq., recorder of the town, and Nathanyell Bacon esq. to be burgesses of parliament.

(*c.*) 9 October 1601.—Record of the election, by "Mr Mayor, the aldermen and comen counsell burgesses of this town," of Thomas Oxburgh esq., recorder of the town, and Sir Robert Mansell knt., vice-admyrall of Norfolk, to be burgesses of parliament.

(*d.*) 18 February 1603. Record of the election, by "the Maior and burgesses of this towne," of Thomas Oxburgh esq., recorder of this town, and Robert Hitcham esq., the Quenes Majesties attornye, to be burgesses of parliament of the said town, with memorandum "for that the said Mr Hitcham is not as yett a free burgesse of this burgh, ytt is therfore required and ordered that he shall repaire hether before the vith of the said moneth to be made a Free Burgesse of the said towne."

(*e.*) 23 July 1610. Memorandum :—Allso whereas Sir Robt. Hitcham knight, the Queenes Ma^ties attorney-generall is proposed to come to this towne from the Assizes at Norwich to take his jorny to Elie where he is Judge of that County Palatyne, and that the said Sir Robt. Hitcham is one of the burgesses of this burgh [at] this present Parliament and promised to take noe wages for the same when he was elected. Therefore itt is agreed that the Towne shall bestowe upon hym (as a gratuity) twenty poundes, and that he shall be intertayned by M^r Mayor and that the charge thereof and of his horesemeat shall be borne by the towne.

(IX.) 9 James I. to 12 Charles I. Assembly (or Congregation) Book No. VIII. Large folio of 472 leaves, containing—

(*a.*) 20 June 1614. All so itt was agreed that M^r Maior shall be allowed for his burgis wages for every day wherein he served this last parliament the some of tenne shillinges per day. He went from hence the first of Aprill last and returned the xi of June next following.

(*b.*) 14 October 1616. At this day itt was agreed that a Letter shall be written by M^r Maior and the aldermen to the Lo. Chancelor of England, the townes High Steward, to intreat that he will be a meanes that all the companyes of players which yerely resort to this towne may nott be suffered here to use playing notwithstandinge their grantes and patentes made unto them.

(*c.*) 15 December 1620. Record of the election, by "M^r Maior the aldermen and comon counsell," of M^r Matthewe Clark and M^r John Wallis, aldermen, to be burgesses of parliament for the town: with memorandum that "the Maior aldremen and comon counsel have granted that either of the said burgesses shall have for their wages tenne shillinges for every day of the said parliament and for every day of their traveill outward and homeward."

(*d.*) 22 January 1628. Record of the election, by the "Maior the aldermen and comon councell" of John Wallis and William Doughty, aldermen of the town, to be burgesses of parliament; with memorandum of an agreement "that the severall wages of those that shall be elected burgesses of this burrough shall be fyve shillinges a piece for every daye."

(*e.*) 25 April 1625.—Record of the election by "M^r Maior the aldermen and comon councell," of Thomas Gurlyn and John Cook aldermen, to be burgesses of parliament for the borough; with memorandum that each of the two burgesses is to have for his "wages" five shillings a day.

(*f.*) 16 January 1625.—Record of the election, by "M^r Maior the aldermen and comon counsell," of Thomas Gurlyn and John Cook, to be burgesses of parliament for the borough, at "wages for every day of fyve shillinges a piece."

(*g.*) 25 February 1627.—Record of the election, by "M^r Maior the aldermen and comon counsell," of Sir John Hare, knt. and William Doughty, one of the aldermen of the town, to be burgesses of parliament for the borough.

(*h.*) 16 December 1631.—Allso itt is granted that the chamberlyns shall pay unto Hester Ogden the late dawghter of Doctor Fulk deceased towards the newe reprintinge of the books of her said father five pownds.

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(*i.*) 31 March 1633.—At this daie [it] was apoynted that Fiftie-one shillinges and eight pence should be paied to M^r^ Mayor by the Chamberlins for a gratuitie sent my Lord Cheefe Justice Richardson: also fortie shillinges to send away his Majesties Plaiours of his private chamber in Yorke without actinge heere.

(*j.*) 20 May 1636.—Also itt is this daie ordered that M^r^ Mayor is to be paied by the Chamberlains fortie shillings for so much by him given to the King's players not to plaie heere.

(X.) 12 Charles I. to 10 Charles II.—Assembly (or Congregation) Book, No. IX.; large folio of 561 leaves, with pamplet index to contents, at the opening of the volume, containing with a large number of other entries, the following matters of record,—

(*a.*) 13 March 1639.—Record of the election, by "Mr. Maior the aldermen and common counsell," of Mr. Doughty and Mr. Gurlyn, two aldermen of the borough, to be burgesses of parliament for the town at the parliament, summoned to be holden at Westminster on 13 April next coming, having "for their wages fyve shillinges a day."

(*b.*) 12 October 1640.—Memorandum, respecting two letters,—one addressed to Mr. Mayor, the aldermen and common council, and the other addressed to the Mayor alone,—from the Earl of Arundell, Lord General, requesting that one of the burgesses to represent King's Lynn in the next parliament may be a person nominated by him; with record that "yt is unanimously agreed by the howse that they will choose noe other burgesses to serve in Parliament, but only such as are resident and inhabitinge within the corporacion, and that two letters shalbe sent the Erle, one by the Maior and Aldermen, and the other by the Mayor himself, in answeare of the said letters."

(*c.*) 22 March 1640.—Order that a letter, brought in by Mr. Mayor and read to the congregation, should be fairly written out and sent to Mr. Percevall and Mr. Toll, burgesses of the Parliament for this town.

(*d.*) 24 October 1642.—Record that Mr. Toll, one of the burgesses for King's Lynn in the present parliament, brought into the congregation an Order of the parliament (copied into the present book) for putting Lynn in a state of military defence and efficiency, and for permitting no soldiers to enter the town without the authority of the parliament.

(*e.*) 11 November 1642.—Memoranda of the persons appointed to be officers of the two trained bands of King's Lynn; with copy of the warrant (dated 11 November 1642) of the Mayor and aldermen to captains of the same bands, for drilling and furnishing their soldiers "soe as they may be fitted for the defence of the Kinge and Kingdome upon one howers warnynge."

(*f.*) 18 November 1642.—Memorandum that the "one hundred powndes formerly agreed by the house to be lent to the Parliament upon the Propositions &c., was accordingly payd and delivered to Mr. Percivall and Mr. Maxey, aldermen, the treasurers appoynted by the Parliament Committee, whoe gave a receipt for the same under their handes."

(*g.*) 5 November 1642.—Order of Assembly, for Mr. Recorder, Mr. Leeke, Mr. Percivall, and Mr. Toll, to go to Norwich, and there attend the meeting, summoned by the Deputy-Lieutenants of Norfolk "for consultinge and consideringe of some speedy course to be taken for the trained bandes of horse and foot to be fitted in a-readiness to oppose foreigne forces much feared to be sodainly landed in some part of the Coastes of Norfolke, Suffolk, and Essex."

(*h.*) 12 December 1642.—Order of Assembly that neither the trained bands nor voluntiers of the borough shall go out of the town in soldierly fashion for any military purpose without the permission of the Mayor and aldermen, "unto whom the militia of this burrough is by lawe granted."—Also Order of Assembly, for Mr. Recorder and Mr. Leek to attend "at Norwich on Thursday next the generall meeting of the Deputy-Lieutenants of this county . . . . . to the end that a mutuall corespondence and communication of all affairs and intervening passages, tending to the good and safety as well of the county as of this towne, may be signified by the lievetenauntes to Mr. Mayor before the determinate Resolucion by them of any act to be here performed." —Also Order of Assembly, that the captain of volunteers within the borough shall not train or show his men in any place, save the Artillery Yard, within the borough.—Also, Order of Assembly, "that a peticion be drawen to the Parliament to desier fyve hundred poundes to be allowed out of the moneys lent by this Towne, upon the proposicions, towards the towne fortifications begunne; And also ten peeces of ordinance to plant thereon, and allso a certificate to be procured from the Deputy Lievetenauntes of this county to attest the said Peticion. And the said Peticion is desired to be preferred by the parliament burgesses for this towne, whoe beinge now present have promised to promote the same with their best assistaunce."

(*i.*) 30 December 1642.—Memorandum: This day Mr. Percevall and Mr. Toll, aldermen and Burgesses of the parliament for this burough, by the handes of the said Mr. Percevall in the other's absence, did bringe in and deliver into this House, of the subscription moneys upon the parliament propositions collected within this burough in their handes remaininge, the just summe of fyve hundred twenty-five powndes fifteene shillinges and six pence in moneys numbred. To the end the said moneys shalbe heare deposited in trust, and to such only purposes as is particularly expressed in an Order entered at the last Hall and congregacion heare howlden and accordinge to the trew Scope thereof.

(*j.*) 2 January 1642.—This day an Order of the Commons House in Parliament, dated Sabti 15 October 1642, was brought and produced in the howse by Mr. Percevall and Mr. Toll, aldermen, in hec verba sq.:— "It is this day Ordered by the Commons now assembled in parliament, That the Maior, aldermen and common counsell of the towne of Kinges Lynne in the county of Norfolk shall pay and allowe out of the towne stock as formerly, unto John Percevall and Thomas Toll their burgesses, for this present parliament, as lardge an allowance per diem as they have heretofore allowed any of their aldermen that hath bene burgesses in parliament for that towne, notwithstanding the freemen of that towne had their voyces in the choice of the said John Percivall and Tho: Toll to be their burgesses for this present parliament. If the Mayor of Lynne can shew any cause to the contrary, we shalbe ready to heare him."

And yt is thereupon ordered that Mr. Maior, Mr. Recorder, Mr. Doughty, Mr. May and Mr. Leeke with all convenient speede shall consider of and draw up a fittinge answeare to present to the Honourable House of Commons upon the said order and offer the same to be allowed by the howse.

(*k.*) 11 January 1642.—Letter from Mr. Percevall, one of the aldermen and burgesses of parliament for King's Lynn, touching the proceedings of the parliament in respect to the town's petition for an assignment of the money, already raised by the town for the use of the parliament, to the fortification of the town. "They fell in the end,"

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says the writer "to consider how to gett money for their present and urgent occasions, and then came to say theare was much money to come from Norfolk, and some from Lynne. I tooke occasion to tell them what I had received in plate and money at Lynne upon the proposicions, and what plate was sent up, and what money was ready to be sent up, and what we had begunne to doe accordinge to their commaund touchinge the fortifyinge the towne, and what a greate deale of money that has already cost, and would cost to finishe yt, And delivered in your Peticion, And yt was presently ordered we should have 400*li.* out of the said money towards our fortification, and I beleeve I had gott 500*li.*, had not a member of the House, that Mr. Robinson and Mr. Kirby spake with, stood up and said that they said 400*li.* would content them, or wordes to that effect."

(*l.*) 20 March 1642.—Order that a free entertaynment at the Towne chardges shalbe made by Mr. Maior for Colonell Cromwell, and the rest of those gentlemen that shall come alonge with him in his Equipage, accordinge to the invitacion of Mr. Mayor signified by his letter, sent to him yesterday in answeare of a letter, dated the day before, sent to Mr. Mayor from Colonell Cromwell.

(*m.*) 27 March 1643.—This daye, at the request of the howse by Mr. Maior made to the right worthy and noble gentleman, Jonn Spelman esq., a deputy-lieutenant of this county, to take the paynes to ryde to Cambridge, accompanied and attended by Mr. Alderman Hudson, Mr. William Williams, Mr. Jonas Scott of the Common Counsell, theare to countenance and assiste the delivery of a letter to Colonell Cromwell from this house, much ymportinge the peace of this towne and the generall peace of the Kinge and Parliament, in whiche letter yt is desired that the Colonell should write to the Parliament by Mr. Recorder and Mr. Kirby whoe are also to accompany them to Cambridge and from thence to Parliament, theare to attend &c. It is ordered so that this be done at the Town Chardge.

(*n.*) 5 May 1643.—Order that a letter shalbe forthwith sent up to the parliament from Mr. Mayor and aldermen, directed to Mr. Corbett, whoe sittes in the chayer at the Committee for Informacions, desiringe him in the townes behalf to present the sence of this howse to the Honorable House of Commons, to this effect,—To desire an order from them therby to authorize Mr. Maior to examine all such persons, strangers as are now lately or hereafter shall shroud themselves within this towne and which may be supposed to be malignantes or probably coniectured to be so, And to remove or apprehend such of them as Mr. Maior with the rest of his fellow-justices shall thinke meete.

(*o.*) 26 May 1643.—Also this day Mr. Mayor is desired to invite the Deputy Lieutenantes one day in a weeke to dinner at the towne charge.

(*p.*) 7 August 1643.—Whereas in these dangerous [times] it is informed to this House that not only a great companie are now to come into this burgh, but that an overmultitude of such strangers will suddenly pester the said burgh; it is therefore ordered and thought meete by the Maior recorder aldermen and common counsell heer present, that generall and spetiall notis shalbe given to all and everi the howshoulders and inhabitants of this burgh that henceforth they receive not, nor presume to entertaine into ther howses any person or persons whatsoever before first they acquaint Mr. Maior with ther purpose in that behalfe, and therin receive his direction; and in the meane time it is further thought meet and so ordered that this matter, now in debate before us, shalbe

communicated by Mr. Maior unto the Committee of Parliament, to be assembled one the morrowe next within this burgh, to the end that such further course may be taken in the premises, as thereby no hurt or hinderance may happen to our Assotiation latly made, with and concerninge the parts adjacent to the said burgh, touching ther entertainement therin for ther and our better saffetie in these times of danger.

(*q.*) 21 August 1643.—This day it is consented unto and ordered by this howse that all the lanes in this towne may be paled up with deale bordes next the water side and doores made to be locked up by all night-longe and stand open all day longe; and to oversee the worke Mr. Robinson alderman, Mr. Simans, Mr. Wharton [and] Mr. Skott of the common councell with the chamberlains are desired to doe it.

(*s.*) 28 September 1643.—Whereas upon a late treaty betwixt the Commissioners on the Right Honorable the Earle of Manchester's part and the Commissioners on the behalf of this burrough, towchinge the surenderinge thereof into His Lordship's hands, to the use of the King and parliament, amongst other articles in the said treaty concluded upon, vizt. in the 7th Article yt is conteyned and concluded to this effect following, scilicet, That Ten shillinges a man for all the foote souldiers, and a fortnightly pay for all the officers under captaynes in his Lordship's army be raysed and levied upon the said towne of Kinges Lynne, The estates of the Gentlemen, straungers and well-affected not beinge lyable therunto, As by the said Article appeareth amongst the rest, dated 16th September 1643. And whereas his Lordship by his letter under his Lordship's hand, dated the 26th of this instant directed to Mr. Maior, did requier expedicion of the said assessment, declareinge therby the Summe to be assessed to be 2300*l.* to the uses aforesaid, Therfore by consent of this howse yt is ordered that the said assessment be entered into debate instantly and performed accordingly by such equall wages as shalbe thought most fittinge.

(*t.*) 24 November 1643.—This day it is ordered that Mr. Perceval and Mr. Toll aldermen, which are Burgesses in this present parliament for this bourgh, shalbe allowed 5*s.* a day a man from the time they went up to the parliament till this day out of the howse.

(*u.*) 26 January 1643.—Also this day it is ordered that Mr. Jno. Bassitt, Mr. Maxie, Mr. Robbinson aldermen, together with Mr. Joshua Grene, Mr. Robert Thoroogood, and Mr. Thomas Greene, or any fower of them, shall consider what damadge hath bene done to the howses and landes belonginge to this Borough, in the late desertion of this towne, and to appoint such workemen, to view the same and to preferr the same to the gentlemen appointed by the Lords and Commons in . . . for repararations of such losses.

(*v.*) 16 February 1643.—Order that Mr. Toll, alderman and burgess of parliament, and Mr. Jonas Skott, one of the common counsell, go to the Earl of Manchester at Cambridge, "with a peticion about payment for firinge and candell for the Courtes of . . . and concerninge the breakinge the church windowes and concerninge the taking down of the painted glass, and what other thinges shall concerne the towne."

„ „ Also, Order that the parishioners of St. Margaret's parish shall be assessed, as well as those who have houses and lands, "for the repairinge of the church windowes which are taken downe."

„ „ Also, Order that Mr. Maxey alderman, with twelve other persons named in the order, or any seven of them, "with other parishioners that will come shall assist the churchwardens to make an

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assessment uppon the parishioners for the repairinge of the church windows accordinge to the ordinaunce of Parliament."

(*w.*) 20 November 1644.—This day Collonell Valentine Walton now Governour came into this house this daye and hath accepted of the freedome of this towne and hath taken the oath belonging therunto.

(*x.*) 8 March 1644.—Order (in reference to a letter from Sir John Mildrum, begging for ammunition and victuals, to assist him in holding Scarburgh against the enemy) that Mr. Maxey and Mr. Robinson aldermen, and Mr. Jonas Scott and Mr. Murford of the common counsell shall forthwith "make fitt such provision of beare and victualls, as they shall think good and fittinge, and send the same to Scarbrugh to the said Sir John, nott exceeding fower hundred powndes." Copy of this letter from Scarburgh was sent to the Committees of Cambridge and Norwich.

(*y.*) 18 March 1645.—Order of Assembly for the execution of the order of Commissioners (dated 13 March 1644, and signed—Miles Corbett, Valentyne Walton and Tho. Toll), requiring, in accordance with order of parliament, the heir of Mr. Thomas Gurlyn (late Mayor of Lynn), Sir Hamon Lestrange and Robert Clench esquire, to pay in equal proportions the sum of 287*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* in compensation of damage done at their instance and command to the Mayor and burgesses of Lynn; it having been shown "that Thomas Gurlyn late Mayor of the said towne of Lynne, Sir Hamon Lestrange knt., and Robert Clench esquier did in or about the moneth of September 1643 att Lynne aforesaid unjustly comaund and cause certeyne houses and walls in South Lynne, of the said Mayor and Burgesses, to be pulled downe and demolished to the damage of the said Mayor and Burgesses, two hundred eighty-seven poundes one shilling and eight pence."

(*z.*) 24 November 1645.—This daye itt is agreed [and] ordered that Mr. Robinson, Mayor, shall att his pleasure sett up and build in Luth Street to his prevye dwelinge howse there one compleat porch, such as he shall think good.

(*aa.*) 8 September 1649.—It is this day ordered, That a letter be written to the Right Hon^{ble} the Earle of Salisbury by the Mayor from his house, to give him knowledge, that this house hath granted him the freedom of this burgh, and that the cominalty of this burgh hath elected him a burgess of the parliament of England."

(*bb.*)—September 1649.—Copy of the Earl of Salisbury's reply to the letter, sent him in accordance with the last given order,—Gentlemen, As the President you have made in choosing of me to be your burgess is unusuall (I beleeve) if not the first amongst you, so doth it lay the greater obligac'on uppon me, neither is that favour a little heightened by my being so much a stranger unto you as indeede I am. And as you have heere an open and free acknowledgment from me of your kinde and good affections in so unanimous an elecc'on of me to serve you in Parliament, as your letter doth expresse, so cannot they merit, or you expect more thanks then I do really retorne unto you for them; you have bene pleased cheerefully (as you say) to conferre your freedome upon me, I shall ever be as zealous in mantaining of yours. And as I am not ignorant of the great trust you have placed in me, so shall you never be deceived in it. For the addresses you are to make unto me (as your occasions shall require) they shall not be so many as cheerefully received, And whatsoever may concerne the publique good or yours shall ever be pursued with all faithfullness and diligence by him that is—

Hatfield, Your very loving friend,
15th Sep. 1649. SALISBURY.

(*cc.*) 11 August 1656.—This day General John Desbrow and Maior-Generall Phillip Skippon are chosen in this House to serve as burgesses for this burrough in his Highnes next parliament at Westminster, upon the seventeenth day of September next, according to a precept directed to Mr. Mayor from the sheriff, which was this day read in this House.

„ „ It is this day ordered that the common seale be taken out and fixed to an indenture for the election of Generall Desbrow and Maior-Generall Skippon, being choses burgesses for the burrough, to sit in the next parliament by this House, which indenture is to be returned to the high sheriffe of the county.

(*dd.*) 26 September 1656.—It is this day ordered that Mr. John Horsnell of London be sent unto by this house as their solicitor in this behalfe to attende upon the Committee of Previledges at Westminster to make good this houses auncient Custome of electing of burgesses to set in parliament and that an abbreviate of the records be sent up to him in order to his prosecution of the same. And that in order thereunto Mr. Newelect Mr. Joshua Greene, Mr. Thomas Greene, Mr. Benjamyn Holly aldermen, the town clarke Mr. Robinson, Mr. Pope and Mr. Clampe, or any four or more of them, and any other of the house that please, be a Committee, And are desired to meet this afternoon . . . . to draw up instruetions and state the busines of election clearly betweene this house and the comons of this burgh and make theire report to this house the next Hall day.

(*ee.*) 29 September 1656.—It is this day ordered that Mr. John Horsnell of London be desired to attend upon Mr. Clarke of Bury now being in London with such instruceions as shall be sent unto him concerneing the custome of this House for eleeting burgesses to sett in parliament for this burgh according to the order of the last Hall day, and that the committee appoynted the last hall day for that purpose do sett this afternoone.

(*ff.*) 19 December 1656.—This day Sir John Thorowgood was by this house chosen to be one of the burgesses to serve in this present parliament for this burrough in the roome and plaee of Gen'all John Disbrowe who hath made his eleetion to serve for the county of Somersett and thereupon the common seale is by order taken out of of the Treasury and affixed to an indenture testifieing the said election.

(*gg*). 7 August 1657.—It is this day ordered that the chamberlyns doe pay unto Mris. Wheeloek the summe of twenty shillings as a gratuity to her in eonsideration of a booke presented by her to this house being the 4 Gospells in the Pertian Language, the worke of her deeeased husband.

(*hh.*) 7 August 1657.—Whereas William Dumbelow the marshall of this towne hath eommitted a very greate offence in not observeing the command of Mr. Mayor and Captain White upon this day of proclayming his Highnes the Lord Protectour whereby a difference hath beene likely to arise betweene the officers of this gairison and this towne, It is thereupon this day ordered that the said William Dumbelow for his neglect and default aforesaid be remooved from his said offiee.

(*jj.*) 8 September 1658.—Official announcement of Cromwell's death and of his appointment of Richard for his suecessor; dated from Whitehall 4 Sept. 1658, and signed—He. Lawrence Presid^{t}.—Followed by this Memorandum.

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Whereas it hath pleased Almighty God in his wise and over-ruleing Providence to take into his mercy the most Serene and Renowned Oliver late Lord Protector of this common wealth, And whereas his said late Highness did in his life tyme, according to the humble peticion and advice, appoynt and declare the most noble and illustrious lord, the Lord Richard Eldest Soun of his said late Highnes to succeed him in the government of these nations, We therefore the Mayor and other the magistrates of this burrough of Kings Lynn in the name and with the consent and concurrence of the comonalty of the said burgh doe with one full voyce and consent of tongue and hart publish and proclayme the said most noble and illustrious Lord Richard to be the Rightfull Lord Protector of this common wealth of England, Scotland, and Ireland and the dominions and territoryes thereunto belonging, to whome we acknowledge all fidelity and constant obedience according to law and the said humble peticion and advice, with all harty and humble affections beseeching the Lord by whome princes rule to blesse him with long life and these nations with peace and happines under his government.

God save his Highness Richard Lord Protectour of the common wealth of England, Scotland, and Ireland and the dominions and territoryes thereto belonging.

(XI). 10-36 Charles II.—Assembly (or Congregation) Book, No. X.; Large Folio of 537 leaves, with index to contents at the end of the volume, containing these noteworthy entries.

(*a*) 3 January 1658.—About Election of Burgesses to sett in Parliament. Whereas severall burgesses of this burrough of the commons at large have this day made their requestes to this house that they might be admitted to joyne with this house in the election of burgesses to sett in the next parliament to be houlden at Westminster the 27th day of this instant January, It is thought fitt and ordered that the resolves of the Committee of Priviledges of the last parliament and the parliamentes Orders thereupon concerning elections be first read unto them in the open hall which is done accordingly.

This day alsoe upon further debate of the aforesaid business of election of burgesses to sett in the next parliament for this burrough it being adjudged by this house that the right of election of the said burgesses is at present in this house according to the aforesaid order, It is therefore ordered that this house doe proceed to an election accordingly, And that in case the said commons at large shall after such election persist in theire desires to have the precept for election of burgesses to be read unto them That the same be read unto them accordingly for theire satisfaction.

Mr. Toll and Capt. Lloyd chosen burgesses for parliament. This day the Mayor, aldermen and common councell have elected and chosen Mr. Thomas Toll one of the Aldermen of this burrough and captain Griffifth Lloyd to be Burgesses for this burrough in the next parliament to be houlden at Westminster upon the 27th of January instant.

(*b.*) 16 April 1660. The election of burgesses to serve in Parliament waved by the House for this present election. Whereas Mr. Mayor hath this day caused a Common Hall to be warned in order to the election of burgesses to serve in the next parliament to be houlden at Westminster and severall of the members of the house being mett together in this house, divers of the free burgesses of this burgh came and requested that they might be admitted to elect burgesses for the

said parliament as theire right, which being taken into consideration this house doth think fitt for the present satisfaction of the people to suffer the commons to elect, and to wave the election in this house for this present election.

(*b*) *Charters, Letters Patent, and Privy Seal Writs.*

11th century.—Charter (Latin and Saxon) of privileges, granted by King Cnut to the monks of St. Edmund's Bury ; the Saxon part of the instrument having been translated into the following English by the late Mr. C. W. Goodwin,—"In the name of the Almighty Lord, I. Cnut, king, make known to all men concerning the counsel which I have taken with my counsellors, for my soul's need and for the benefit of all my people, that is to say :—That I grant eternal freedom to the holy king Saint Edmund in such wise henceforth as he had it heretofore in the place where he rests, and I will that this freedom stand in his dominion unchanged, from the power of every bishop of the shire whatsoever eternally free. And so often as men pay army-money or ship-money let the township pay, according as other men do, to the behoof of the monks, who shall therein serve [God] in our behalf. And we have chosen that no man shall ever convert the place to the use of men of another order, unless he would be cut off from the communion of God and all his saints. And I grant to the monks for their nourishment all the fishery which Ulfkytel owned at Wylla, and my toll of fish which arises to me along the sea-coast. And my queen Ælgyfu grants to the saints four thousand eels with their services which pertain to them, at Lakinge hithe. And I grant to them jurisdiction over all their townships in all their land, which they now have, and may hereafter acquire by God's grace." Regarded with suspicion by Kemble, and pronounced a forgery by Hickes, this interesting document may be said to have recovered the confidence of Saxon scholars through the critical judgment and ingenuity of the late Mr. C. W. Goodwin, who offered cogent reasons for thinking it a genuine performance, in a paper to be found in the Fourth Volume of "Norfolk Archæology."—Also, resting amongst the Lynn Muniments, a Latin Charter, purporting to be a confirmation of King Cnut's charter, by his son Hardecnut. Forbearing to pronounce this second charter an altogether spurious fabrication, on account of its penmanship, which, in the absence of strong reasons for declaring the document a piece of pure imposture, might be assigned to the hand of the same twelfth-century copyist of a genuine writing, Mr. Goodwin produced internal evidence that the document is nothing more than one of the ingenious forgeries, of which the monastic scriptoria were fruitful. How these two writings came into the possession of the burgesses of Lynn is a matter of conjecture ; but as the endorsements of both parchments demonstrate them to have been at Bury so late as 1536, it has been reasonably assumed that the genuine charter and the later fabrication came to the Mayor and burgesses of King's Lynn, together with the title-deeds of a property (formerly pertaining to Bury Abbey), which they bought at Brandon co. Norfolk, and have since sold. For further particulars of these interesting MSS. readers are referred to Mr. Goodwin's masterly essay (Norfolk Archœology vol. IV.) "On two Ancient Charters, In the Possession of the Corporation of King's Lynn."

14 September, 6 John.—Charter of concessions by King John to the Burgesses of Lenn, with clause granting to them "quietanciam murdri infra burgum de Lenna et quod nullus eorum faciat duellum," and a

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clause saving the rights of the Bishop of Norwich and his successors, and of the Earl of Arundel and his heirs. Dated at Lutgershall.—Also, duplicate of the same charter, with a different arrangement of the names of the witnesses, amongst whom appears Alan Basset, a name that is not placed in the testamentary clause of the other writing.

6 February, 17 Henry III.—Charter of Inspeximus and Confirmation of the charter of concessions, dated at Lutgershall by King John on 14th September in the 6th year of his reign to the Burgesses of Lenn. Dated at Westminster.

14 April, 39 Henry III.—Charter, entitled "Ne quis pro alio distringatur," to the Burgesses of Lenn. Dated at Windsor.—Also, duplicate of the same charter.

26 March, 52 Henry III.—Charter of Inspeximus and Confirmation of the charter of concessions, dated at Lutgershall by King John on 14th September in the 6th year of his reign to the burgesses of Lenn; With further Grant to the same burgesses of power to elect their mayors, in accordance with a charter granted to them in former time by the Bishop of Norwich and his Chapter:—"Cumque quondam Norwic' Episcopus et Capitulum suum Norwic' concesserint et carta sua confirmaverint prefatis burgensibus quod ipsi per suam electionem creare possint sibi aliquem de suis in maiorem et maiorem ab eis creatum eidem Episcopo et successoribus suis presentare sicut per cartam eorundem quam inspeximus nobis constat evidenter, Nos pro . . . . . concessimus pro . . . . . prefatis Burgensibus et heredibus suis quod loco prepositi sui predicti decetero eligant maiorem et maiorem suum sic electum teneant sine impedimento nostri vel heredum nostrorum imperpetuum qui quidem Maior namium illorum qui thelonium vel consuetudinem a Burgensibus predictis ceperint excepta civitate London' ut superius inde apud Lenn capiat &c." Dated at Westminster.

29 November, 9 Edward I.—Charter of Inspeximus and Confirmation of the charter of concessions, dated at Lutgershall by King John on the 14th September of the 6th year of his reign to the burgesses of Lenn; With Inspeximus and Confirmation of the charter, dated at Westminster by Henry the Third on the 26th March in the 52nd year of his reign to the same burgesses. Dated at Westminster.

17 February, 18 Edward.—Privy Seal Writ addressed to the Mayor bailiffs and good people at Lenne; For the equipment and setting forth of the ships of the town, so that they may be ready at Portesmouth by mid-lent next ensuing, in accordance with orders given them by the King's Admiral towards the north. Dated from Westminster.

30 September, 19 Edward.—Privy Seal Writ addressed to the Mayor, steward and bailiffs of Lenne; Enjoining them, if they would escape heavy loss and their sovereign's indignation, to do what they shall be told by the King's Admiral towards the north and John de Harsick, or by either of them, who have been despatched to the parts of Lenne on certain of the writer's necessities. Dated at Mersefeld.

20 July, 29 Edward I.—Charter of Inspeximus and Confirmation of the charter, dated at Westminster by Henry the Third, on the 16th February of the 13th year of his reign to the burgesses of Oxford: With Inspeximus and Confirmation of the charter of concessions, dated at Westminster by the same King Henry the Third, on the 26th of March in the 41st year of his reign, to the burgesses of Oxford. Dated at Caldstrem per manum nostram.

5 April, 33 Edward I.—Charter of concessions to the burgesses of Lenn:—Granting that they may have their Gild Merchant, together with

all lands and buildings pertaining to the same gild: that the same burgesses shall not be impleaded out of the borough by foreigners, in respect to contracts, demands, or other matters made or done within the borough; and that the Mayor for the time being of Lenn may make reasonable distresses for talliages and other reasonable aids, assessed and to be levied on the community of the borough, for the use of the same community. Dated at Westminster.

7 April, 33 Edward I.—Letters Patent of Pardon and Release to the burgesses of Lenn, in respect to all trespasses, &c. said to have been done by them in assessing divers talliages on the community of the said town, without the unanimous assent of the same community, and in levying the same talliages from the poor and but moderately endowed men of the same community, and other great sums of money under colour of certain common fines, heretofore made by them for divers causes, beyond the sums to which the same fines extended themselves, and in converting to their own use, and not to the advantage of the said community, nor to the reparation (emendacionem) of the same town, a great part of the same talliages and other different sums of money formerly levied in the same town, as well by occasion of the aforesaid fines as by occasion of murage granted unto them by us, and also in committing divers "forestalla et prisas" of merchantable things coming to the same town, of their own peculiar authority, against the law of our kingdom, and in establishing and using in the same town certain corruptions, contrary as well to common law as to law-merchant. Dated at Westminster.

26 May, 35 Edward.—Privy Seal Writ addressed to the Mayor and bailiffs of Lenne. For their prompt and zealous compliance with a recent ordinance that all chattels and moveable things, forfeited to the King in the ports of his realm by offenders against "le statut de la monoie," be no longer delayed, but immediately on the very days of their becoming forfeit be seized into the King's hand by his servants in those places, and without delay remitted to the Chamberlains at the receipt of his Exchequer. It being ordered that no one, high or low, of what condition so ever, be spared in this matter. Don' a Kardoyl.

16 May, 6 Edward II.—Charter of Inspeximus and Confirmation of the charter, dated at Westminster by Edward the First, on the 29th of November in the 9th year of his reign, to the burgesses of Lenn, and also of Inspeximus and Confirmation of the charter, dated at Westminster by the same King Edward the First, on the 5th of April in the 33rd year of his reign, to the same burgesses; with grant to the same burgesses of freedom throughout the kingdom, "de panagio muragio, kanagio; Salvo jure Episcopi Norwycen' domini dicti burgi et successorum suorum." Dated at Westminster.—Also a duplicate of the same charter.

28 September, 11 Edward.—Privy Seal Writ to the Bailiffs and good people of the town of Lenne. For that news has come to us that our enemies of Scotland have laid siege to our town of Berewyk-on-Twede with a great number of people, wherefore we have need to send thither men and ships for the rescue of our said town and the safety of our people who are there, We pray and charge you as especially as we are able that you will aid us sufficiently and with good will with your navy well equipt with men and victuals in aid, for the rescue of our aforesaid town.—Promise being given of reasonable repayment of the costs to which the bailiffs and good people shall put themselves in the matter; order being given for their ships and men to be at Scardeburgh

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on the 12th of next October, to proceed thence in the company of Simon de Driby who has been appointed "cheveteyn de la navie" about to be sent for the rescue of the aforesaid town. Dated at Eu'Wykes.

28 March, 12 Edward.—Privy Seal Writ addressed to the Mayor, bailiffs, and good people of the town of Lenne; Enjoining them to comply with the requirements of the Bishop of Norwich, Mons^{r} Aymer de Valence, Earl of Pembroke and Mons^{r} Walter of Norwich, or two of the three, touching aid of ships and men for the king's navy, to be for a time at the charges of the town and afterwards to remain in the king's service and also in his pay, for the despatch of his war with Scotland. Dated at Euer Wyk'. Though it remains at Lynn, this writ is no longer in the hands of the Corporation.

1 August, 16 Edward.—Privy Seal Writ addressed to the Mayor and bailiffs of the town of Lenne (on information that many ships charged with victuals have come to the said town), Ordering and strictly charging that no such ships, that have or shall come thither, be permitted to discharge there, but be required to proceed with their victuals to the North parts for the sustenance of the king and 'hoste." Don' a Noef Chastel-sur-Tyne.

5 August, 16 Edward.—Privy Seal Writ addressed to the Mayor and Bailiffs of the town of Lenne, on information that divers ships laden with wheat, rye and other victuals have entered the haven of the said town. Referring to previous letters on the same subject, and expressing astonishment that he has heard nothing in reply to them, the King orders the Mayor and bailiffs to permit no such vessels to discharge at Lenne, but on pain of forfeiture and his further displeasure to compel all of them to proceed promptly with their freight for the sustenance of himself and his host. Don' a Goseford.

1 April, 9 Edward III.—Charter of Inspeximus and Confirmation of the charter, dated at Westminster by Edward the Second, on the 16th of May in the 6th year of his reign, to the burgesses of Lenn: With further grant that (the burgesses of Lenn having been heretofore accustomed to bequeath by will their tenements in the said burgh according to custom) the wills touching tenements bequeathed in the said burgh may be proved and enrolled in the Guildhall before the Mayors and burgesses for the time being of the said borough; With further grant of freedom from arrest to the said burgesses and their successors in respect to their own persons, and also in respect to their ships, merchandise, goods and chattels, "pro debito aliquo unde principales debitores plegii seu manucaptores non existant aut pro delictis et transgressionibus aliorum infra regnum nostrum." Dated at Nottingham. —Also, a duplicate of the same charter.

24 February . . . . . Edward.—Privy Seal Writ addressed to the Mayor and the community of Bishop's Lenne. It having come to the King's knowledge that certain people of the said town are causing fear and trouble there, to his injury and to the prejudice and damage of his most dear and well-beloved William, Bishop of Norwyc and seigneur of the said town, the king bids the same Mayor and community, under pain of forfeiture, to alter their demeanour, and bear themselves otherwise if they would escape his most grievous anger. Dated at Westminster.

8 August, 10 Edward.—Privy Seal Writ addressed to the Mayor and bailiffs of Lenne: Bidding them deliver for reasonable payment to Roger Daketon, the King's larderer, a sufficient ship for taking by sea five thousand fish between Lenne and Euerwykes for the use of the King's household.—Don' . . . a Nicole.

9 August, 10 Edward.—Privy Seal Writ addressed to the Mayor and bailiffs of Lenne, bidding them to do what is right to Walter le Cotillor Deuer-Wyk' and his wife Isabel in respect to their requirements. Don' . . . a Nicole. Though it remains at Lynn this writing has passed from the hands of the Corporation.

5 November, 11 Edward.—Privy Seal Mandate addressed to the Mayor and community, for immediate payment to the King's larderer, Roger de Accon, of the fifty marks due from them for provision of fish for the King's household. Dated from Westminster.

17 April, 15 Edward.—Privy Seal Writ addressed to the Mayor of Lenne. A letter of credence for John Lambert, in which the Mayor is enjoined to put perfect trust in the said John Lambert, who has been enjoined to confer with the Mayor, and give him particular information, respecting certain of the king's most urgent needs. Dated at Westminster.

27 April, 1343.—Letters Patent of Inspeximus and Confirmation, dated by Brother William de Claxton Prior to the Church of the Holy Trinity of Norwyc and the Convent or Chapter of the same place, for the perpetual confirmation to the burgesses of Lenn of all liberties and things granted to them in former time by the charter of John by God's grace Bishop of Norwich. Dated at Norwyc, sealed with the seal of the chapter, and endorsed "Confirmacio libertatum ville Lenn concessarum per Capitulum Norwici juxta libertates Oxon.'"

20 May, 17 Edward III.—Letters Patent of a Mandate to the Mayor and honest men of Bishop's Lenn. For the strict observance of the Statute of Warranty provided for every person impleaded respecting lands in the city of London, who shall call a foreigner for Warranty, and also for the observance of the provision that, when a plea shall have been moved in London by brief respecting any tenement in the same city, it shall not be lawful for the tenant to make waste "de tenemento petito pendente placito predicto." Dated at Westminster.

24 December, 18 Edward.—Privy Seal Writ, addressed to the Mayor bailiffs and good people of Lenne, for the timely provision of one hundred of the most soldierlike and vigorous men of the said town, armed in accordance with the precise requirements of the present writing, and for their punctual appearance on the appointed day of mid-Lent next coming at Portesmouth, thence to proceed in the king's service, in the expedition for the rescue and defence of his Duchy of Gascoyn.

5 August, 23 Edward.—Privy Seal Writ, addressed to the Bailiffs and community of the town of Lenne; For their prompt and zealous action in drawing together all the ships galleys and other vessels of their port and coast, and in putting them upon the sea, to follow the King's fleet, in accordance with directions to be given by the bearer of the writ, Peter de Donewyz, the King's clerk. Dated at Westminster.

—— 1352 A.D.—Indenture of Agreement, whereby William by God's grace Bishop of Norwich, with the consent of his chapter, for the determination of all dispute and contention between him on the one part and the Burgesses and community of the town of Lenn on the other part, respecting the election of the Mayor of the said town, granted that henceforth the burgesses of the said town should be able to elect annually their Mayor, on condition that every Mayor of Lenne so elected and sworn in the said town be presented within three days of his election at Geywode by his comburgesses to the said bishop or to the same bishop's steward in case of the bishop's absence from his manor,

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and at his presentation promise to discharge his official duties faithfully, and preserve from injury the rights and liberties of the Church of Norwich within the said burgh. Dated at Norwich.

20 July, 30 Edward.—Lettters under the Privy Seal to the well beloved Bailiffs and good people of the town of Lenn ; In acknowledgment of their manifestations of affectionate concern for the writer's honour and profit, and for the honour and advantage of all his people, and also for the good despatch "de n're guerre Descoce.", Don' . . . . a Euerwyk'.

2 July, 33 Edward.—Privy Seal Writ to the Bailiffs of Len, charging them "si marchanz ou autres gentz viegnent a la dite ville par mer, ou par terre, od nuls ostours qui soient a vendre, et vous puissez trover nul de eux qi soit plus graunt de corps qe autres ne soient communalment, qe ceu facez prendre a n're oeps, ia soit ce qil sit les pennes brisees." Don' a Smerden.

10 November, 34 Edward III.—Letters Patent of Special Pardon to the Mayor, burgesses and community of the town of Bishops Lenn co. Norfolk. Dated at Westminster.

20 November, 41 Edward.—Privy Seal Writ, addressed to the Mayor and bailiffs of Lenne : For their zealous compliance with the requirements and furtherance of the business of John de Swanlond the king's clerk, and William Getour the king's mariner, who have been appointed to take at Lenne suitable and sufficient ships for the king's service. Don' . . . . "en Park de Wyndesores."

4 May, 51 Edward III.—Letters Patent of Inspeximus and Confirmation of the Letters Patent, dated at Walton on 10 July in the eleventh year of his reign by Edward II. to the Mayor and burgesses of the towne of Lenne, and granting during pleasure to the same Mayor and burgesses the custody of the same town, and its defence against the attacks of foreigners, and all others being the king's enemies. Dated at Westminster.

9 February, 1 Richard II.—Charter of Inspeximus and Confirmation of the charter, dated at Nottingham by Edward the Third on the 1st of April in the 9th year of his reign, to the Burgesses of Lenn. Dated at Westminster.

17 May, 9 Richard II.—Letters Patent of a Commission addressed to John Brunham, Mayor of the town of Lenn, and to John Waryn, Richard de Honton, Roger Paxman, Henry de Botele, and Thomas Curson, to array all the able-bodied men of Lenn and also of South Lenn between the ages of sixty and sixteen years, and to put the town together with South Lenn in a state of defense against the King's enemies of France and their adherents and all his other enemies ; With power to the commissioners to levy moneys on the inhabitants of the burgh and of South Lenn for the execution of the commission, and to punish persons resisting their orders.—Dated at Westminster.

3 September, 16 Richard II.—Letters Patent of Licence of Alienation : granting to John de Brunham and Thomas de Conteshale of Lenn licence to give and assign to the Alderman and brethren of the Gild Merchant of The Holy Trinity of Bishop's Lenn five messuages, a quay, ten pounds six shillings and eight pence of rent, and the profit of the passage of a boat beyond the port of Bishop's Lenn. With Licence to the Alderman and brethren of the said gild to hold the same messuages, quay and rents and profit to themselves and their successors for ever, for religious uses, the Statute of the Mortmain notwithstanding. The

grant being made from special favour and also in consideration of the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds, paid to the King by Henry de Betele the alderman and by the brethren of the said Gild.—Dated at Beverley.

20 September, 16 Richard II.—Letters Patent of Licence to John de Brunham mayor of the town of Bishop's Lenn, to give and assign to the Mayor and community of the said town a certain messuage and a certain rent of seventy-five shillings and seven pence half-penny in the said town, and also of licence to Richard Dun to give and assign to the same Mayor and community a certain rent of twelve pence and the profit of the passage of a boat out of the port of the same town, with their appurtenances in the same town: With licence to the same Mayor and community and their successors to hold the same, together with other things mentioned in the grant, to religious uses, the Statute of Mortmain notwithstanding.—Dated at Wodestoke.

11 January, 2 Henry IV.—Letters Patent of Mandate to the Mayor and bailiffs and community of the town of Lenn: For their speedy preparation and complete equipment this side the quindene of Easter next coming, of a barge fully provided to serve as a vessel of war against the King's enemies.—Dated at Westminster.

27 May, 2 Henry (IV.)—Letters Patent of Licence to John Prentys, Thomas Throthe, John Berwyk, John Meye, and Robert Ferrour of Southlenn and John Wynteryngham, to found and make of themselves and other persons, as well men as women, in the Church of All Saints of Southlenn, a gild and fraternity to the praise and honour of the Holy Trinity; With power to the brethren and sisters of the same gild to elect yearly and as often as shall be needful from themselves a Master or Warden, and further licence (of alienation) to William Gaysle chaplain to give and assign to the Master or Warden the brethren and sisters aforesaid a certain messuage and a rent of twelve pence, for the support of the burdens of the said gild, and also to same Master or Warden brethren and sisters to take the same messuage and rent and hold them to themselves for ever, the Statute of Mortmain notwithstanding.—Dated at Leycestre.

16 March, 11 Henry IV.—Charter of Inspeximus and Confirmation of the charter, dated at Westminster by Richard the Second, on the 9th of February in the 1st year of his reign, to the Burgesses of Lenn. —Dated at Westminster.

10 April, 1 Henry V.—Letters Patent of Exemplication of Letters Patent, dated at Westminster by Henry IV. on the 25th of November in the 14th year of his reign, of Inspeximus of a certain memorandum touching certain decrees of the Venerable Thomas by God's grace Archbishop of Canterbury and Chancellor, upon certain discords and controversies between certain "de potentioribus" of the town of Bishop's Lenn of the one part, and the Mayor burgesses and community of the said town of the other part, respecting certain oppressions and extortions &c. committed by the said "potentiores" on the said Mayor burgesses and community, and upon certain articles &c. touching the same,—viz. A memorandum that, whereas certain strifes and controversies had arisen between Robert Botekesham late mayor of the said town and certain of the Potentiores of the same town of the one part and the Burgesses and community of the town of the other part concerning certain oppressions and extortions &c. alleged to have been done against the said Burgesses and Community by the said Mayor and Potentiores, and whereas afterwards Roger Galion Mayor of the

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aforesaid town and the Potentiores Mediocres and Inferiores and whole community of the same town in respect to the said alleged oppressions and extortions &c. submitted themselves to each and all the decrees and ordinances of certain eighteen persons set forth in a certain writing of Submission, and whereas for the greater security of the same Submission and of the fulfilment of the same decrees and ordinances, certain persons have become bound in certain sums of money to the said Mayor and community, as is set forth in the said Writing of Submission, running in these words 'To all Believers in Christ to whom &c. . . . . Know that we as well the Mayor and potentiores as the mediocres and inferiores aforesaid in respect to all and each of the said discords and strifes &c. . . . . and all the said oppressions and extortions &c. . . . . by these presents firmly submit ourselves to the decrees and ordinances of the eighteen underwritten persons, namely, Thomas Waterden, Robert Brunham, John Spicer, James Brigge, John Thoresby, Bartholomew Sisterne, William Briccham, John Bilneye, Bartholomew Patypas, William Baret, Philip Franke, William Hereford comburgesses of Lenn aforesaid, William Halleyate, John Thilney, Robert Appelton, John Cokfeld, Thomas Middleton, and John Cressyngham inferiores not burgesses of the town of Lenn aforesaid, Which decrees and ordinances and every decree and ordinance to be pronounced by the same eighteen persons &c. . . . . We the Mayor and Potentiores for our part and We the Mediocres and the Inferiores not burgesses for our part and the whole community of the town of Lenn aforesaid by these presents promise to fulfil in all things; and further for the greater security of this present Submission and for the faithful fulfilment of the decrees and ordinances of the said eighteen persons, on the part of the Potentiores, Edmund Belleyetere, Thomas Waterden, John Wintworth, Thomas Brygge, Robert Brunham, John Brandon, Ralph Bedyngham, William Hounderpound, James Brygge, Richard Thorp, Richard Dendy, John Wesenham, Bartholomew Systerne, Andrew Swanton, John Bolt, John Spicer, John Home, John Lakynghithe, Robert Salesbury, William Briccham, John Thoresby and Thomas Hunt have each been bound by themselves by their obligatory writing in the sum of one hundred pounds to the Mayor and community of Lenn aforesaid and their successors, And on the part of the Mediocres and of the Inferiores not being burgesses William Baret, Robert Narburgh, Adam Whyte, William Hereford, Richard Waterden, Alexander Draper, Nicholas Dunton, Thomas Ploket, Richard Letthour, John Bilneye, John Masye, Philip Franke, John Muriell, John Butworth, William Style, Walter Todenham, William Colles, William Baldewyn, Richard Constable, Geoffery Gatleo, William Waterdon, John Alger, Henry Elmham, Nicholas Martyn, John Bentleo, John Frost, Ralph Topcrofte, Thomas Worsted, Thomas Walsyngham bocher, Robert Burgeys, John Brekerop, John Drewe, John Fylyppe, William Spire, James Nichasson, Hugh Cook, Bartholomew Toftes, John Cawod, Robert Randes, John Loueday sporyour, Richard Wyche, Peter Cambell, Philip Bylneye, Adam Candeler, Bartholomew Petypas, Henry Fouldon, John Berewyke, John Wynche, William Waldon, John Syleden, Richard Thewyck, John Parmenter, John Warner, John Hert, Thomas Skarlet, Henry Drewe, John Shermon, Henry Gil, William Norfolk, John Tydde, John Maupas, John Sisterne, Geoffrey Joynour, Richard Lyndeseye, Thomas Rudham, John Dytton, John Noble, Simon Rody, William Blakeneye, Edward Bonet, Thomas Paynot, John Beuerleo, Thomas Truyt, Reginald Castollacre, John Wythe, John Crosse, William Bedyngham, Thomas Langton, Robert Hadlee, Thomas Langton, John Brightyowe, Thomas

Throthe, Adam Marcant, John Brunham senior, *burgesses* of Lenn aforesaid, have each been bound by themselves by their obligatory writing to the said Mayor and Community and their successors in the sum of fifty pounds of the money of England, And John Wyrham, William Hillyngton, John Perche, Richard Lyster, Nicholas Shermon, John Chesterton, Andrew Fourbour, Walter Baxter, Thomas Wyrmgeye skynner, John Wystede, Richard Gedney, John Kyng bocher, Nicholas Barbour, William Pye, John Franke, John Tamworthe, Stephen Lyster, Robert Gyle, William Wygenhale, John Broun taylour, Richard Pymond, Richard Caluebane, Robert Fourbour, John Candeler wolman, Thomas Lynmour, William Wolmon, John Wotton, Thomas Bonet, John Clerk barbour, John Melleford, Roger Fraunceys, John Crosse skynner, John Walpole bocher, Thomas Stalworth, William Wesenham cordwaner, John Worthyn, John Trunche, Roger Loksmythe, John Albot, John Hesell, William Peautrer, John Honton, John Swayn fletcher, William Pressour, John Barbour, Thomas Barryngton, John Gotthe, William Hanspe, John Wermegeys, John Walham, John Botthe draper, Thomas Gocche glover, Roger Broun barker, John Balder skynner, Robert Sadde, John Cambz, John Steynour, William Blome, William Luswyk, John Godyng, William Hallegate, John Tylneye, Robert Appelton, John Cokfeld, Thomas Midilton, and John Cressyngham, *not being Burgesses* of Lenne aforesaid, have each been bound by themselves by their obligatory writing in the sum of five pounds eleven shillings and two pence of the money of England to the aforesaid Mayor and community and their successors. . . . . ." Sealed with the common seal of the town of Lenn, and dated 15 Dec., 13 Henry IV. It is next recorded in the memorandum that the said eighteen persons, appointed to make decrees for the settlement of the matters in controversy, being hindered in coming together and unable to do so, agreed and decreed that whatsoever (with the assent of the Mayor and community of the town) the greater part of them, so long as it was a greater part consisting of at least ten persons, determined respecting any of the said matters, should be firm and valid as though all eighteen had been present at their decision ; this agreement being made by a writing, dated in the Gildhall of Lenn on 8 April, 13 Henry IV., and set forth in the memorandum, which goes on to record how, in accordance with powers given to them, the said eighteen persons (1) disallowed the claim made by John Belleyetere, one of the party of the Potentiores, on the Mayor and community for 36*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.* for expenses incurred by him when he was mayor of the town; (2) also declared unjust and disallowed the claim for 70*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.* made on the Mayor and community by Thomas Watirden, one of the party of the Potentiores, for expenses alleged to have been incurred by him, when he was Mayor of the town; (3) also declared unjust and disallowed the claim for 80*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* made on the Mayor and community of the town by John Wyntworthe, one of the party of the Potentiores, in respect to expenses alleged to have been incurred by him when he was Mayor of the town ; (4) also declared unjust and disallowed the claim for 69*l.* 2*s.* 4½*d.* made on the Mayor and community by Thomas Watirden, John Bitteryng, and Thomas Hunt, executors of the testament of Robert Botekesham, late Mayor of the town, in respect to expenses alleged to have been incurred by the said Robert Botekesham deceased during his said mayoralty; and (5) also declared unjust and disallowed the claim for 122*l.* 1*s.* 5*d.* made on the Mayor and community by Thomas Brigge, one of the party of the Potentiores in respect to expenses alleged to have been incurred by him for the town's benefit, in the times when he

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was Mayor of the town; and (7) granted a quit-claim to John Brunham, Edmund Belleyetere, Thomas Watirden, and to the aforesaid executors of Robert Botekesham, and to John Wynteworth, of the party of the Potentiores and formerly mayors in respect to a certain sum of 457*l.* 19*s.* 7*d.*, which sum, in addition to very many other sums of money spent against Henry le Dispenser, late Bishop of Norwich, the aforesaid John Brunham, Edmund Belleyetere, Thomas Watirden, Robert Botekesham, and John Wynteworth, whilom Mayors of the town, from the first to the 13th year of Henry the Fourth, disbursed without the consent of the aforesaid community unjustly and inordinately, to the serious prejudice and extreme depoverishment of the same community; and (8) decreed that henceforth the Mayor of the said town should receive in accordance with ancient custom 10*l.* for his fee for the year of his mayoralty, and further for his reward whatsoever the Community of the said town (videlicet, potentiores mediocres et inferiores non burgenses) shall put aside for this purpose with regard to his merit or demerit, this being however observed with respect to rewards of this kind that the mayor do not exceed the same; and further (9) decreed that the Mayor answer to the Community for all arrears of all contributions coming up for the town's benefit during the year of his mayoralty; and further (10) decreed that yearly each mayor should choose and take to himself three persons of the Potentiores, and three persons of the Mediocres, and three persons of the Inferiores, not being burgesses of the aforesaid community, which nine persons together with the said mayor should, during the year of his said mayoralty, have full power to deal with the rents, &c. of the same community; and (11.) further decreed that the Inferiores not being burgesses of the same community, who hitherto against order of justice have been deprived of their certain privileges, should have and enjoy for ever all the privileges granted to them by a certain Composition, made between John formerly by God's grace Bishop of Norwich of the one part and the Mayor and Community of the town of Lenn of the other part: The aforesaid ordinances and decrees being embodied and set forth in certain writing dated at Lenn, by the majority of the aforesaid eighteen persons on 20 May, 13 Henry IV., and assented to by the Mayor and Community at the same place and time, and further confirmed by the several writings of assent, made by individuals of the aforesaid Potentiores, Mediocres, and Inferiores of the said town of Lenn, and dated respectively on 16 July, 18 July, and 21 July, 13 Henry IV. The remainder of the memorandum being the record of proceedings in the Court of Chancery for the confirmation of the aforesaid ordinances and decrees made by the aforesaid eighteen persons; the record closing with the aforesaid Chancellor's decree for the confirmation of the same ordinances and decrees, delivered on 17 November, 14 Henry IV. Dated at Westminster.—Also, a copy of the same Letters Patent of Exemplification, made on membranes stitched together in the form of a pamphlet.—Also, in connection with the foregoing Letters Patent of Exemplification, it may be observed that there remain amongst the Lynn Muniments the three obligatory writings set forth in the same Letters Patent and said therein to have been dated respectively at Lenn on the 20th of May, the 16th of July, and the 21st of July, in the 13th year of Henry the Fourth.

20 May, 2 Henry V.—Letters Patent of Inspeximus and Confirmation of the charter, dated at Westminster by Henry the Fourth, on the 16th of March, in the 11th year of his reign, to the burgesses of Lenn. Dated at Leicester.

2 June, 4 Henry V.—Letters Patent of Exemplification of the Tenor of a certain instrument for the Revocation of divers new ordinances and constitutions and for the reestablishment of the ancient constitutions and customs for the election of officers in the town of Bishops Lenn. "Henricus &c. . . . . salutem: We have inspected the tenor of a certain revocation of certain new ordinances, made in the town of Bishop's Lenn by certain late burgesses, made by the Mayor jurats and community of the said town, sent to us into our Chancery in these words.

To all sons of the holy mother the Church who shall see these presents. We the Mayor jurats and the rest of the comburgesses of the town of Bishop's Lenn and the whole community of the same town greeting in the Saviour of all men, Whereas our progenitors and predecessors of happy memory formerly burgesses of the aforesaid town from time in which memory does not stand for the better and healthier government of the same town were accustomed to make twenty and four jurats of the more discreet honest and worthy and more sufficient burgesses of that town and a certain election of a Mayor chamberlains common clerk common serjeant-at-mace, and other officers and ministers in the same town yearly by virtue and authority of certain liberties and privileges granted to our said progenitors and predecessors and their heirs and successors by the charters of the noble progenitors of our most excellent prince and lord in Christ the lord Henry by the grace of God King of England and France and lord of Ireland with the assent and at the special requisition of the then Bishop of Norwich of memory to be honoured and lord of the said Town and confirmed by our same most dread lord the King, under certain manner and form following, That is to say That all the burgesses of the aforesaid town yearly in the vigil of the Feast of the Decollation of St. John the Baptist be summoned and warned by the common serjeant-at-mace, in the name and by the authority of the Mayor for the time being of the said town to assemble on the following morrow with the Mayor and jurats for the time being of the said Town at the Guildhall of that town as well for electing the Mayor as for electing the aforesaid officers and ministers, who being thus assembled the Alderman for the time being of the Gild of the holy Trinity of Lenn or any other person appointed in his place by him if he shall not be able to attend respecting the election of this kind choose and nominate four of the more worthy and more sufficient burgesses of the same town not being of the state and degree of the aforesaid jurats, and then being there present, to elect to themselves eight other of their comburgesses likewise not being of the said state or degree of the twenty-four Jurats for making choice of the Mayor and the rest of the officers and ministers of the said town for the year then next following, which twelve burgesses thus elected, a certain accustomed oath having been first taken of the common clerk of the aforesaid town, should proceed at once [cum effectu] to making election of one of the aforesaid twenty and four jurats and of no other to the office of Mayor of that town and of others of their comburgesses and others not burgesses to the offices of chamberlains, common clerk, common serjeant-at-mace and janitors and also to the offices of belleman and wayte in that town for the year next following; Who being thus then elected to the aforesaid offices should on the next following Michaelmas-day and not before in the aforesaid Gildehall receive without delay of the common clerk of the aforesaid town the oaths pertaining and customary to their offices, which having been thus done they should continue in do and exercise their offices of this kind throughout one entire year. Respecting the election indeed of the

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aforesaid twenty and four jurats, this was the ancient custom that as often as it should happen that one or more of the said twenty and four jurats should die or voluntarily relinquish his state and degree or otherwise his demerits compelling him to be reasonably removed and expelled from the same, then the Mayor for the time being of the same town and the rest of the remaining jurats in the presence of all and each of the rest of the burgesses of that town wishing to be present at warning made to them on the part of the aforesaid Mayor by the aforesaid sergeant-at-mace in the aforesaid Gildhall should so often and when there be need elect admit and ordain another or others of the more worthy honest discreet and more sufficient of the aforesaid burgesses in the place of him or them thus dying retiring or being removed to do and exercise the state and degree of this kind, who being thus elected admitted and ordained the customary oath having been taken should continue for life in the state and degree of this kind, unless it should happen from the causes aforesaid that they or any one of them should voluntarily retire or be removed therefrom, And moreover if it should happen that any one or more of the coroners or constables should die or on account of old age or any other reasonable cause should retire or be removed, then the said Mayor for the time being should cause the burgesses of that town to be warned by the common serjeant aforesaid to be in the aforesaid Guildhall for electing the deficient officer or officers of this kind and on the appearance of all his comburgesses wishing to be present there, the aforesaid Mayor should nominate four of the same comburgesses, who should in like manner nominate eight others of the comburgesses then being there present, which having being done the twelve thus nominated, the customary oath having been first taken, should elect and ordain another person or persons in place of him or them of the coroners or constables aforesaid either wanting or removed, Which ordinances elections and ancient customs being held enduring and being observed in the aforesaid manner our aforesaid progenitors and predecessors the Mayor jurats burgesses and community of that town rested happily under the sweetness of peace and quiet throughout the days of prosperous times, But now greviously discords strifes controversies riots dissensions and quarrels have for long sprung up and increased amongst the comburgesses and others of the same town, by reason of certain new ordinances and constitutions concerning and about the elections of the Mayor and the rest of the jurats officers and ministers aforesaid, made by certain late burgesses of the aforesaid town and others adhering to them and more than wont which is to be deplored increase and grow in these days, the tenor of which new ordinances and constitutions in the form ensuing follows, Be it remembered that whereas lately divers dissensions discords and controversies have been moved and have arisen between the Mayor of the town of Bishop's Lenn and the more part of the burgesses of the aforesaid town on the one part, and certain others of the burgesses of the aforesaid town on the other part, about and concerning the yearly election and the manner and form of the election as well of the Mayor in the aforesaid town as of the chamberlains prelocutor common clerk common serjeant-at-mace janitors and other ministers and officers wont to be yearly elected in the same town, and also about and concerning the election and the manner and form of the election of comburgesses of the aforesaid town whenever it may happen that they should be elected as well to the state and degree of the twenty and four jurats as often and whenever it may happen for any one or more of the said state and degree to die or voluntarily retire or for his or their demerits to be removed by the

same as to the offices of coroners constables or others in the same town, The King our present dread Lord to whose ears through the suit of certain persons have resounded the aforesaid dissensions discords and controversies observing that the dissensions discords and controversies of this kind arising not only from the aforesaid causes but also from ancient discords not fully and cordially put to rest, between the aforesaid parties lying hid have broken forth anew between the same parties, and that by this the more quickly very many disturbances and commotions may easily result between the same parties and the rest of the burgesses of the said town and the community of the same, And wishing not only to take precaution against dangers of this kind, but to put an end to strifes, and more quietly and securely to reform and the more firmly to establish peace and tranquillity between the same parties, caused it by his royal power to be declared, that certain of the aforesaid parties should come before him, and caused his will respecting the premises to be declared to them, the aforesaid declaration being also thus made, he of his royal benignity urged the aforesaid parties for making concord renewing peace and altogether putting an end to strifes amongst themselves, that the same parties at the gracious instance of the same King by his royal authority and also with the unanimous consent and mere free and unforced will of the same parties made a final concord between them, concerning and about the aforesaid dissensions discords and controversies and in the following form respecting the elections and day of election of the Mayor jurats prelocutor and other officers following, and also in respect to the time of the Mayor's coming into the aforesaid mayoralty and the manner and form of the taking and receiving of his oath with the needful articles following being agreed unanimously for themselves and their successors that it should be held in the aforesaid town, That is to say, That henceforth the election of the Mayor in the aforesaid town should for ever be made yearly in the same town, in the manner and form in which it was used in the City of London, or at least to the greatest possible conformity with them of London, for so much that in the aforesaid town there are not had aldermen wards recorder nor divers other things as in the City of London but by statutes in the said town are twenty-four jurats, and that henceforth yearly that election take place on the day of the Decollation of St. John the Baptist, and he who had then been elected on Michaelmas day then next following and not before in the Gildhall of the aforesaid town, to the same town it was the custom that he should take the oath, the common clerk of the same town giving that oath to the same elected person, and that having been done he should take upon himself the state and degree and should continue in them, as the highest disposed, throughout an entire year, and as to the form and manner of the election, it was agreed that all burgesses of the aforesaid town who should be able and willing to assemble at the Guildhall of the same town in the aforesaid day of Decollation, for electing a Mayor of this kind, might come there freely, and the congregation of this kind having being made there should be public proclamation that no one under penalty of imprisonment presume to give voice to take part in making the said election unless he should be a comburgess or minister of the aforesaid town, And immediately afterwards it should be enjoined by the prelocutor and common clerk of the aforesaid town on all the burgesses thus assembled, That the same burgesses with good deliberation should then and there severally [divisim] elect and nominate two of the twenty-four jurats or of others who were formerly of the number of the twenty-four jurats, of the degree and state of the twenty-four jurats of this kind, notoriously not discharged on account of

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dishonesty or public causes or their demerits, which two thus to be chosen and nominated the same burgesses believed the more discreet more sufficient and more useful to the community of the twenty-four jurats and others aforesaid to take and hold the office of the Mayoralty to God's praise and the aforesaid towne's good fame advantage and honor, and thus under this form should be named the aforesaid two thus to be nominated, that it be first be enquired by the prelocutor and common clerk of the aforesaid burgesses, to whom in the first place and to whom in the second place they would wish to give their voices and this with due intervening pause, so that one of them may be named clearly, and those appointed to this work may be able to have full report of him before inquisition be made respecting the other, and it being well and carefully seen by the prelocutor and clerk aforesaid who in the first place and who in the second place in this matter have the larger number of voices amongst the aforesaid burgesses, For the true reporting of which and presenting it to the Mayor and jurats the prelocutor and clerk should be themselves amongst the burgesses aforesaid and the same prelocutor and clerk be firmly sworn forthwith to report publicly the names of those two persons, that is to say of him who had the greater number of voices for first, and of him who had the greater number of voices for second, faithfully and without fraud to the same twenty-four jurats in the chamber appointed for their session and state, and this being done, the Mayor of the aforesaid town first and then each of the aforesaid jurats should in series and secretly declare and each of them should declare his wish to the aforesaid prelocutor and clerk respecting the one or the other of those two persons whose names were thus presented to them the Mayor and jurats for to be then elected to be Mayor, And the same common clerk under the observation of the same prelocutor should write down severally and secretly the wishes in this respect of each of the aforesaid Mayor and jurats, and he of the aforesaid two thus presented on whom the greater part of the same Mayor and jurats may agree should be chosen and made Mayor for the year then next to come, and the election thus made faithfully should be announced immediately to the same burgesses, so that if the aforesaid two thus presented have an equal number of voices amongst the aforesaid Mayor and jurats, then the voice of the Mayor should be counted for two voices, so that in a case of this kind he who shall have the Mayor's aforesaid voice should be agreeably named chosen and had for Mayor of that town for the year then following. Also in respect to the election of four chamberlains in the aforesaid town it was agreed that every year, the aforesaid mayor having been elected and it having been agreed respecting him among the jurats and burgesses, forthwith two of the burgesses of the aforesaid town on which two the Mayor and jurats for the time being in the aforesaid [manner] shall have agreed for taking the state or office of a chamberlain or at least the greater part of the same twenty-four jurats shall have agreed, the voice of the Mayor being computed as is aforesaid for two voices in case that amongst the same Mayor and jurats both parties be equal in voices and a greater party be not found, should be elected in the aforesaid form to be two of the aforesaid chamberlains by the same Mayor and jurats, And for the election of two other chamberlains in every year aforesaid two other burgesses should be named and chosen for the two other chamberlains by the burgesses themselves being present, as for the election of a mayor, or by the greater part of the same, the testimony and record of the aforesaid prelocutor and clerk sworn in form aforesaid being always taken, as to which two of the burgesses of the aforesaid town the greater part of the burgesses taking part in the election shall agree [to elect] as is

aforesaid, the intention of either party being that neither the said chamberlains nor either of them be in any year chosen out of the twenty-four jurats and that no one of the same jurats be in any manner taken to the office of those chamberlains. Also it was agreed that when anyone of the aforesaid twenty-four jurats shall die or it shall happen that any one of them shall voluntarily retire or be removed from the grade and state of the twenty-four jurats, either by withdrawal deposition or exoneration either on account of old age or infirmity of body or any other cause whatsoever, then immediately the Mayor for the time being should appoint a day for this matter and by the common sergeant-at-mace give notice to the twenty-four jurats and all the other burgesses aforesaid of the said day and warn them to be then in the Chamber and Gildhall aforesaid, and all the burgesses aforesaid not being of the number of the twenty-four jurats who may wish to come together, then and there should with good deliberation amongst themselves elect and name from amongst themselves two persons whom likewise they believe more discreet faithful and more sufficient men to take the state and degree of jurats to God's praise and the aforesaid town's advantage and honor, and that the aforesaid prelocutor and clerk to this in like manner sworn should be in this matter present amongst the same burgesses, who should in the chamber aforesaid of the twenty-four jurats in this respect faithfully and without fraud in accordance with their oath thus taken forthwith present publicly to the same jurats the names of those two of the aforesaid burgesses on whom all the aforesaid burgesses shall have agreed, or at least the greater part shall have agreed, which names being thus presented, if it may appear to the same twenty-four jurats or at least to the greater part of the same twenty-four jurats that the two aforesaid burgesses thus presented to take the state and degree of this kind are sufficiently discreet and sufficient or that either of them is sufficiently discreet and sufficient, then immediately he of the aforesaid two thus presented, on whom the greater part of the aforesaid twenty-four jurats shall agree for being the more discreet and more sufficient, should be taken and advanced to the degree and state of this kind by the same jurats, the oath customary in this respect having been first taken by him, and should forthwith be numbered with them and rated for one of them, Otherwise if it appear to the greater part of the same twenty-four jurats that neither of the aforesaid two is for any reasons in this respect sufficiently discreet and competent, then those persons being omitted the aforesaid burgesses should come together again immediately in the Gildhall, and in the places of the omitted persons should elect two others from themselves the same burgesses, and that as well the choice as the assumption to the aforesaid state and degree as well for that time as henceforth, when there be need for any persons to be chosen and assumed to the same, should be of the more discreet more faithful and more sufficient burgesses of the aforesaid town as is aforesaid in the aforesaid form. And it was agreed that no one henceforth should be elected to the aforesaid degree of the twenty-four jurats nor be established in that degree unless he be of free condition and have at least a hundred solidates of rent, And that if henceforth at an election of this kind there be elected a common victualler selling by retail, he should put aside this kind of selling of victuals and till he do so should not be taken to the same degree, and that after being assumed into the aforesaid degree, and during his continuance in the same degree, he should not be a common victualler as is aforesaid under penalty of removal from the aforesaid degree. And in like manner in all things as the twenty-four jurats are elected, that the coroners and constables should be elected whenever

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such officers need to be elected, this nevertheless being added that coroners of this kind and constables should be chosen indifferently from the twenty jurats or all other burgesses at the discretion of the electors. Also it was agreed and ordained that if anyone henceforth sue for the exoneration of anyone being of the state and degree of the twenty-four jurats, or the removal of the same person from the aforesaid degree and state for any cause whatsoever, or any one of the twenty-four jurats wish to sue for his own proper exoneration on account of old age sickness or infirmity of body or for any other cause whatsoever, the Mayor for the time being should on this appoint a certain day and give notice of the same day to all the jurats and burgesses aforesaid by warning them by the common serjeant-at-mace to be present in the aforesaid Chamber and Gildehall, and that on the coming together at the said day in their Chamber of the aforesaid jurats with the aforesaid Mayor, and of those of the burgesses who wish to be present in the Gildhall, and on mature deliberation had separately by them upon the reasons against thus removing and discharging anyone by any persons in this respect put forward, or upon the reasons for exonerating the same person alleged for his discharge by himself or by any other person in his name, if the reasons thus proposed and alleged appear effectual and reasonable to the greater part of the same Mayor and jurats, and also to a part of all the other burgesses being in the Gildhall, then the same jurat against whom the same reasons for his removal have been set forth, or by whom the same reasons have been alleged for his discharge, should be discharged from the aforesaid degree and state and another person to be elected in his place and in form hereabove specified, the customary oath being first taken, should be demanded and charged, Otherwise the aforesaid person should not be removed from the aforesaid degree and state nor at his own suit nor the suit of any one else be discharged from the same degree and state for that time in any way, And that in this respect the Mayor's voice be computed for two voices in case that in the discussion of the aforesaid reasons there be not found a greater party amongst the Mayor and jurats aforesaid, and as to how the greater part of the burgesses had itself in the aforesaid discussion, full credence be had in the prelocutor and clerk to this matter sworn and in the report to be made in this respect by the same in accordance with that which is contained more fully in the form set forth in respect to the election of the Mayor. And it was agreed that yearly at the Feast of St. Bartholomew, due warning having been made by the common serjeant-at-mace as well to all the twenty-four jurats as to all the other burgesses of the aforesaid town for assembling in the aforesaid Chamber and Gildhall, in the form aforesaid with the assent of all the burgesses not being of the grade of the twenty-four jurats or at the least of the greater part of the same there should be elected one of the burgesses not being of the state of the twenty-four jurats to be prelocutor of the aforesaid town for the year then next coming and that, immediately after election, the person thus elected should take his oath before the Mayor jurats and all the burgesses, and henceforth for the aforesaid year continue and exercise his abovesaid office, And that there should be a report and presentation in this case by the common clerk to this matter sworn, as to the burgess upon whom the greater part aforesaid of the burgesses should agree for the aforesaid prelocutor. Also in respect to the offices of common clerk common serjeant-at-mace janitor at the east gate janitor at the west gate and janitor at the gate of St. Anne in the aforesaid town and the office of belman and the office of the wayte for the same town it was agreed and ordained that

every year there should be a nomination of men for the aforesaid offices by the Mayor and jurats for the time being, and this as well of the Burgesses as of all persons whatsoever according to the advice and discretion of the aforesaid Mayor and jurats, on the aforesaid day of the Decollation immediately after the making choice of the aforesaid chamberlains.

So that always if controversy respecting elections of this kind or anyone of them should in any way whatever be had amongst the aforesaid Mayor and jurats, those persons to be elected on whom the greater part of the aforesaid Mayor and jurats agree be appointed to the abovesaid offices, and be placed severally in the same according to the nomination thus had, contradiction or choice of the smaller part notwithstanding. Provided always that if a greater party cannot be found, but both parties be equal, that then the Mayor's voice be taken for two voices as has been said very often in order to make a greater part. Provided also that the aforesaid officers having been nominated in the aforesaid form their names be immediately made known to the burgesses being in the Gildhall, and that for a nomination of this kind at least the greater part of the same burgesses be content, And that if the greater part of the burgesses being in the Gildhall be not content respecting a nomination of this kind or any one of the persons of this kind nominated, for repeating a choice of this kind the major part and the aforesaid jurats may pass without delay to another nomination, and that in the places of the persons thus refused there be named in the aforesaid form such persons as those to whom to the greater part of the burgesses be willing to give agreement and contentment, and that the prelocutor and common clerk for the time being to this matter sworn see and on their oath faithfully report every year to what officers in this respect the greater part of the burgesses have given their voices, and with respect to whom they may be willing to be contented and with regard to whom not to be contented. But if the greater part of the burgesses be not able to be contented with the persons thus nominated at the first turn, or with those nominated at a second time, that then the same persons or person, on whom the greater part as well of the twenty-four jurats as of all the other aforesaid burgesses agree for holding the aforesaid offices or any of them, should be elected to those offices or that office and hold them or it according to the election thus made a third time. Also it was agreed that in the preferment of the prelocutor and common clerk of the aforesaid town to their aforesaid offices either of them should take his customary oath for doing and exercising faithfully and without fraud his office and all things pertaining to the same, before the Mayor and jurats for the time being in the Chamber of the Gildhall, And that the common clerk's oath should be in these words "Thou shalt swear that thou wilt be faithful to the Mayor jurats and all the rest of the burgesses of the town of Bishop's Lenn in whatever pertains to the office of common clerk in the aforesaid town in all times whatsoever and that without influence or motive of hatred or favour whatsoever between the Mayor and jurats and the rest of the comburgesses of all the town aforesaid thou wilt not make report unfaithful coloured or mixed with falsehood in any matter of those things that concern thy office, but without fraud to anyone to be done thou wilt according to thy knowledge make faithful report and not other between all degrees whatsoever of the same town as to thy office belongs, also in all cases thou wilt render and have thyself indifferent aswell as in writing examining and reporting as in doing whatsoever pertains to thy office towards the Mayor jurats burgesses every and all degrees and the community of the aforesaid town and that thou wilt

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reveal to no one the counsel of the same to the aforesaid town's injury or dishonour and if thou shalt learn or know anything by which to your knowledge injury or disgrace shall be able to happen to the aforesaid town thou wilt warn the Mayor for the time being or some one of the twenty-four jurats who shall be willing and able in thy estimation to amend this between thee and him and in what better way thou shalt know, and thou shalt not procure discords and dissensions between the aforsaid Mayor jurats degrees of the burgh and community or any of them secretly or openly, nor shalt thou know of any discords of this kind and dissensions but thou shalt hinder them, or as far as thou shalt be able thou shalt for allaying discords of this kind and not for justifying them reveal it to those of the aforesaid town who shall be able to hinder it so as God and the holy evangelists may help you." And that the prelocutor in his preferment take the same oath (things to be changed being changed), and nevertheless as well in the election of the Mayor as of all the other aforesaid degrees and officers and at every and all times when it shall happen that the same prelocutor and clerk or either of them shall do any of the affairs of their offices that their aforesaid oath be renewed, that is that it be taken again as it shall seem to be expedient to Mayor jurats and burgesses, and that if any prelocutor or common clerk be found unfaithful against his oath and be duly convicted of infidelity of this kind he lose as well his aforesaid office as his franchise of the aforesaid town and from then in no manner be restored to the same office and franchise nor do exercise or occupy henceforth any other office in the aforesaid town.

We therefore observing how certain immense expenses charges losses and intolerable damage by reason of the aforesaid discords strifes controversies riots and dissensions from the time of the first establishment and completion of the said new ordinances and constitutions in the aforesaid town have happened, and by process of time much greater will happen and are feared to happen, unless they be restrained, lest they redound to the final destruction and depauperization but also the desolation and probable overthrowing of all that town, which may it be far distant, and wishing to take precaution against losses and burdensome injuries of this kind, and according to our power to pluck up by the roots and extirpate the aforesaid strifes quarrels and dissensions from the said town and from the persons inhabiting the same and to bring back and reform peace quiet and true concord between us and our heirs and successors with the lords favour and help, and thus being reformed to establish it for ever, by the tenor of these presents revoke make void render vain and annul all and each of the aforesaid new ordinances and constitutions made for and about the election of the aforesaid Mayor jurats officers and ministers and contained and specified in the said memorandum, which have furnished as is premised the fuel of grief and hatred, and every particle of the same, by our common consent will and authority for ourselves our heirs and our successors, Being unwilling that the same new ordinances and constitutions be henceforth any further used in the aforesaid town by ourselves or our said heirs or successors or be drawn in any manner whatsoever into consequence use or exercise, But that henceforth for ever they be wanting of all their power and virtue. And Further for the better healthier and more discreet government of the aforesaid town of our aforesaid common counsel consent assent will and authority We Will grant ordain give and declare for ourselves our heirs and successors aforesaid that the aforesaid ancient customs ordinances and constitutions and all other laudable and prescribed customs in all and each of their articles "connexis et dependiciis" whatsoever from now and even for ever be held

kept and firmly observed, and that if it happen that the Mayor for the time being of the aforesaid town within his year before he shall have executed the office of his mayoralty throughout one year should die, the Alderman for the time being of the aforesaid Gild be able to accomplish occupy and exercise the office of the Mayor of this kind thus dying until the end of that year as in the same Town in like case from ancient time the custom was, the said new ordinances and constitutions in any way notwithstanding.

We are unwilling nevertheless nor is it of our intention that by colour of the premises there be in any respect any derogation from the right of the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity of Norwich or of our Venerable Father and Bishop of the same place Lord of the said Town of Lenn. In testimony of which thing we have caused to be put to these presents the new common seal of the said town of Lenn. Dated at Lenn aforesaid on the first day of June in the fourth year of the Reign of Henry the Fifth after the conquest of England. We moreover at the request of the aforesaid Mayor jurats and the rest of the comburgesses and community of the aforesaid town have thought right by the tenor of these presents to exemplify the tenor aforesaid, In testimony of which thing we have caused these our letters patent to be made. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium on the second day of June in the fourth year of our reign.

3 July, 1 Henry VI.—Letters Patent of Inspeximus and Confirmation of the Letters Patent, dated at Leicester by Henry the Fifth, on the 20th of May in the 2nd year of his reign, to the burgesses of Lenn. Dated at Westminster.

12 July, 1 Henry VI.—Letters Patent of a Pardon and Release to William Trewe alderman of the Gild Merchant of the Holy Trinity of Bishop's Lenn, and to the wardens or scabins and to the brethren and their predecessors of the same Gild. Dated at Westminster.

13 December, 3 Henry VI.—Letters Patent of Exemplification of certain letters, made under the Privy Seal, and addressed by the same King to all Proconsuls, consuls, judges, &c. of Eric by God's grace King of Dacia, Norwegia and Swecia, touching the affairs of certain of the said King of England's subjects of his town of Lenne and certain merchants "de Hansa" using mercatorially the parts of Northberne; and for determining all discord between them in respect to the same matters. Dated at Westminster.

20 June, 6 Henry VI.—Letters Patent of Inspeximus and Confirmation of the Letters Patent, dated on 6 June in the 5th year of his reign by Henry the Fourth, empowering English merchants "in partibus Prucie Dacie Norweie Hanse et Swethie commorantes," to assemble at their pleasure in a sufficient place, and to elect governors to themselves and make ordinances for their self-government in mercantile matters and for the furtherance and better execution of their affairs of commerce; power being accorded to the governors so elected to mete out reasonable punishment to any of the aforesaid English merchants, disobeying the governors so elected and the ordinances so made. Dated at Westminster.

14 February, 19 Henry VI.—Letters Patent of Inspeximus and Confirmation of Letters Patent of concessions to the Gild of the Holy Trinity of Lenn, dated at Beverley by Richard II. on 3 September in the 16th year of his reign: With further concessions to the same Gild. Dated at Westminster.—In duplicate: one of the parchments being

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so decayed and injured by damp that it is legible only in places, whilst the other writing is in perfect preservation.

1 December, 20 Henry VI.—Letters Patent of Inspeximus and Confirmation of the Letters Patent, dated at Leicester by Henry the Fifth, on the 20th of May in the 2nd year of his reign ; With reference to the confirmation of the same last-named Letters Patent dated by Henry the Sixth on the 3rd of July in the 1st year of his reign, it being stated that the King confirmed them on this previous occasion, with the assent of Parliament.—The initial letter, beautifully drawn in pen-and-ink, of these Letters Patent is surmounted by the Sovereign's crown, with the legend "Dieu et Mon Droit" on the head-band. Below the floreated letter, the draughtsman has depicted in pen-and-ink an angel bearing the shield of the Arms of Lynn. Dated at Westminster.

1 February, 26 Henry VI.—Letters Patent of Licence to Marmaduke by God's grace Bishop of Carlisle, Sir Thomas Scales knt., and Imaine his wife to empower William Goderede to give and assign a certain mill called Scalesmylle to Henry Thoresby now alderman and to the wardens or scabins and the brethren of the Gild of the Holy Trinity of Bishop's Lenn, and of licence to Master Adam Gerard clerk and Henry Wryght chaplain, to give and assign to the same Gild two messuages and six acres of land with appurtenances in South Lenn : With licence to the said Gild Merchant to take the same mill, messuages and land and hold them to themselves and their successors for ever, the Statute of Mortmain notwithstanding. Dated at Westminster.

29 January, 34 Henry VI.—Letters Patent of Pardon and Release to the Alderman and wardens or scabins and the brethren of the Gild Merchant of the Holy Trinity of Bishop's Lenn. Dated at Westminster.

16 December, 1 Edward IV.—Letters Patent of Inspeximus and Confirmation of Letters Patent, dated at Westminster 4 October, 8 Henry IV., granting licence to John Brandon, Bartholomew Cisterne, and John Snailwell of Bishop's Lenn, to found and establish in the church of St. Margaret of the said town a perpetual fraternity of brethren and sisters to the honour of God and of the glorious martyr, St. George, with permission to the brethren and sisters of the same gild to elect yearly and as often as may be necessary an alderman and four wardens of the same gild: With licence to the same alderman and wardens, the Statute of Mortmain notwithstanding, to hold a certain tenement with an adjacent quay, and all the buildings pertaining to the same tenement and quay, &c., of the annual value of ten marks, for the maintenance of one or two chaplains, to celebrate divine rites in the said church for the healthful estate of the said King Henry the Fourth and his consort Joan, Queen of England, during life, and for their souls after death, and for the souls of the said King's father and mother, and for the healthful estate of the brethren and sisters of the aforesaid gild and of their successors during life, and for their souls after death, and also for the performance of other works of piety :—With further Licence, by the present grantor, to the alderman and wardens of the same fraternity, the Statute of Mortmain notwithstanding, to acquire and hold lands and rents, to the yearly value of ten pounds, over and beyond the said ten marks, for the better sustentation of the said one or two chaplains, to celebrate divine services for the healthful estate of the present King (Edward IV.) and of George duke of Clarence and Richard duke of Gloucester, and of George bishop of Exeter and Richard earl of Warwick, and of the brethren and sisters of the Gild during life, and for the souls of aforesaid King, &c. after

death, and also for the souls of the King's father Richard late Duke of York, and Edmund late earl of Rutland, and Richard earl of Salisbury, and of all who have died in the faith. Dated at Westminster.

6 December, 13 Edward IV.—Letters Patent of Exemplification, of Letters Patent dated by Edward III. on 24 June in the 20th year of his reign at Porcestre, appointing William Basset, William de Thorp, Edmund de Grymesby clerk, Robert de Thorp, William de Notton and Roger Petygard, commissioners to enquire respecting allegations that John de Ely late Bishop of Norwich assumed to himself and his successors, bishops of Norwich, view of frank-pledge of the men and tenants of the town of Lenn "necnon hustengum eadem villa ac cogniciones de contractibus, convencionibus et transgressionibus ibidem emergentibus, &c.," with lands and tenements in former time had by the Mayor and community of the said town, and that by pretext of this acquisition the present bishop holds the same and other privileges and certain tenements pertaining to the said Mayor and community, together with the Inquisition taken and the Return made by the same Commissioners: With Inspeximus of a certain brief, dated at Windsor on 6 July, in the 20th year of his reign by Edward the Third, to the same Commissioners: With Inspeximus of a certain other brief, dated at Westminster by Edward III. on 20 August, in the 20th year of his reign (Teste Leonello filio nostro carissimo Custode Anglie) to William de Thorp, directing that the same view of frankpledge, husteng, liberties, lands and tenements be committed to the keeping of the Sheriff of Norfolk and to the King's Escheator there, until further order be taken in respect to them, by the advice of the King's council; with the said William de Thorp's reply, that in obedience to the aforesaid brief the same View of Frankpledge and Husteng, &c. have been taken into the King's hand and committed to William de Middelton, sheriff and escheator of Norfolk.

16 July, 14 Edward IV.—Charter of Inspeximus and Confirmation of the Charter of Inspeximus and Confirmation, dated at Westminster by Richard the Second, on the 9th of February in the 1st year of his reign; With Inspeximus and Confirmation of the Letters Patent, dated to the Burgesses of Lenn by Edward the Third on the 4th of May in the 51st year of his reign, of Inspeximus and Confirmation of the Letters Patent, dated at Walton by Edward the Second on the 10th of July in the 12th year of his reign, granting to the Mayor and burgesses of Lenn the custody of their said town against all hostile attacks by aliens, &c., and power of assessing subsidies on all persons of the same town for its defence, with the power of making distresses for levying the same; reservation being made of all rights pertaining to the Bishop of Norwich and his successors. Dated at Westminster.

21 February, 1 Richard III.—Letters Patent of Inspeximus and Confirmation of the Charter of Inspeximus and Confirmation, dated at Westminster by Edward the Fourth, on the 16th of July in the 14th year of his reign, to the Mayor and burgesses of Lenn. Dated at Westminster.

10 May, 2 Henry VII.—Letters Patent of Inspeximus and Confirmation of the Letters Patent of Inspeximus and Confirmation, dated at Westminster by Richard the Third on the 21st of February in the 1st year of his reign, to the Mayor and burgesses of Lenn.

6 August, 3 Henry VII.—Letters Patent of Pardon and Release to the Aldermen and wardens or scabins and to the brethren of the Gild of the Holy Trinity of Bishop's Lenn. Dated at Westminster.

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24 November, 4 Henry VIII.—Letters Patent, dated to Richard the now Bishop of Norwich, of Inspeximus and Confirmation of a series of Charters and Letters Patent, dated by successive sovereigns of England to successive Bishops of Norwich, from the charter dated by William King of England to Herbert Bishop of Norwich and the monks of the church of the Holy Trinity at Norwich. ["W., &c. . . . . Salutem, Sciatis me dedisse Herberto Episcopo terras illas omnes quas viderunt et determinaverunt et circum iri fecerunt Walthelin Episcopus et R. Capellanus et Rogerus Bigotus ad ecclesiam suam faciendam et ad domos suas et monachorum suorum faciend' apud Norwicense Castrum et hoc cum soca et saca et aliis consuetudinibus omnibus Ita quidem quod Episcopus ibi constituat monachos qui ibidem serviant usque ad finem seculi perseverantes et vos Vnfr' et Rad' et Odb'te seisite Episcopum inde, &c."], to Letters Patent, dated at Westminster on 9 May, 3 Henry VII., in Confirmation of divers charters, closing with Letters Patent, dated at Westminster by Edward IV. on the 8th of December in the 1st year of his reign.

11 February, 16 Henry VIII.—Letters Patent of Exemplification and Confirmation of the rights pertaining to the Bishop of Norwich in Lynn; setting forth in detail the ancient tolls and customs of the port of Lynn, afterwards vested in the corporation of the borough.

27 June, 16 Henry VIII.—Letters Patent of a new charter, for the reconstitution of the burgh of Bishop's Lenn co. Norfolk, with a Mayor, twelve aldermen, eighteen common-councilmen, a recorder, a town-clerk, nine constables, two coroners, four serjeants-at-mace, and a clerk of the market; with appointment of Thomas Miller to be the first Mayor under the charter; and with the appointment of John Grendell, John Burd, Richard Bewshere, Robert Amfles, Thomas Leighton, William Castell, Richard Brice, Cristofer Brodbank, John Water, Edward Newton, Richard Peper, and Robert Parmenter to be the first twelve aldermen under the new charter, each of them being appointed to the office of alderman for life, "dummodo se bene gesserit in officio"; power being granted to the same Mayor and aldermen and their successors to come together in the Guildhall and there elect whensoever and so often as they shall please eighteen burgesses from the burgesses of the borough, to be the common council of the same borough; power being given to the said common council of eighteen burgesses or the greater part of them at the Feast of the Decollation of John the Baptist in each year to choose one alderman from the existing aldermen, who has not held the Mayor's office for the last five years, and make him to be Mayor of the said burgh for a single year, to enter upon and hold the said office of Mayor from the Feast of Michaelmas next following his election thereto till the Feast of Michaelmas next following; power also being given to the same common council of eighteen burgesses or the greater part of them, on the death or removal from office of any one or more of the aldermen, to elect in the Gildhall another burgess or other burgesses in place of the burgess or burgesses so dying or being removed, to hold the office of alderman for life unless lawful cause for his removal shall arise or happen; power moreover being granted to the Mayor and aldermen for the time or the greater part of them to remove from the common council any member thereof whom they may think fit to remove and expel therefrom, and also, in case any member or members of the common council die or be removed, to elect at their discretion from the burgesses other burgesses or another burgess to hold office in the common council in place of the members or member thereof thus

dying or being removed. It is granted that in all places within the borough the Mayor for the time being may have a sheathed sword borne before him by a sword-bearer, to be elected for that purpose by the Mayor and aldermen or the greater part of them. Directions are given for the election of the recorder and town clerk and for swearing them into office. Power is given to the Mayor, and aldermen and common council or the greater part of them for creating new burgesses within the burgh according to their discretion, so that no one be a burgess of the burgh or as a burgess enjoy any liberty therein, until he shall have been elected and made a burgess by the aforesaid Mayor aldermen and common council or the greater part of them for the time being. Provision is made for the election and swearing in &c. of the clerk of the market, coroners, nine constables and officers for the conservation of the river, from St. Edmund's Nesse to the sewer of the Staple Were. Together with other concessions for the advantage of the burgesses it is granted that no one foreign to and outside the freedom of the borough may henceforth buy aught of or sell aught "in gross" to any like foreigner within the limits of the burgh, except only at the time of the fair, under pain of forfeiture to the king, his heirs or successors, of the things so bought and sold. Full power is granted to the Mayor aldermen and common council to levy taxes on the inhabitants of the burgh, for the defence of the said burgh against the water-flow and for other necessary matters happening from time to time within the burgh, and to punish at their discretion all persons resisting the collection of such needful taxes. A clause for the preservation to the Bishop of Norwich and his successors of all rights pertaining to him and them within the burgh.

7 July, 29 Henry VIII.—Letters patent to Mayor, burgesses and inhabitants of Lynn. Reciting briefly the Letters Patent, dated to the Mayor burgesses and inhabitants of Lynn Episcopi on 27th June in the 16th year of the king's reign, and confirming the concessions made by the same Letters, and also Reciting briefly the Act of Parliament (3 Nov. 21 Hen. VIII. to 4 Feb. of the 27th year of the same reign) vesting the Temporalities of the Bishop of Norwich in the Crown, the present Letters Patent ordain that henceforth the borough instead of being called Bishop's Lynn shall be styled King's Lynn, and with other concessions grant to the same Mayor burgesses and inhabitants two courts every week in the Gildhall for holding pleas and plaints before the Mayor and recorder or either of them, or the deputies or deputy of either of them, and another court to be called The Tolboth Court and to be held before the same Mayor and recorder or either of them or the deputies or deputy of both or either within the said burgh, or the limits of St. Edmondnesse and Staple Weyre, for hearing and determining plaints and pleas for transgressions done and debts arising by water within the same limits, and also a yearly Court Lete within the same burgh: It being further Granted that the Mayor and recorder of the burgh, and those aldermen of the burgh who shall have served in the Mayor's office shall be Justices of the Peace within the burgh, and that the same Mayor burgesses and inhabitants of King's Lenn may have within the burgh two yearly fairs, and two markets in each week, with a Court of Pied Poudre to be held for ever in the times of the fairs and markets.

6 December, 1 Edward VI.—Letters Patent of Inspeximus and Confirmation of the charter, for the reconstitution of the burgh of Bishop's Lenn co. Norfolk, dated at Westminster by Henry the Eighth on the 27th of June in the 16th year of his reign. Dated at Westminster.

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21 May.—2 Edward VI. Letters Patent of the Grant in fee-farm to the Mayor and burgesses of the town of Lenn Regis of divers lands tenements and rents, late belonging to the Gild Merchant of the Holy Trinity, and of divers lands &c. late belonging to the Gild of St. George the Martyr, in the said town, at a yearly rent of 13*l.* 10*s.*; together with the grant to the same Mayor and burgesses of all the stock and store of mill-stones worth 40*l.*, late a parcel of the goods and chattels of the aforesaid Gild Merchant of the Holy Trinity, and also of 30*l.* late a parcel of the goods chattels and moneys of the aforesaid Gild of St. George the Martyr. Dated at Wanstead.

27 February, 1 & 2 Philip and Mary. — Letters Patent for the annexation (during pleasure) of South Lynn to the borough of Lynn Regis. Dated at Westminster.

11 August, 4 & 5 Philip and Mary. — Letters Patent of Inspeximus and Confirmation of the Letters Patent, dated at Westminster by Edward the Sixth on the 6th of December in the first year of his reign, of Inspeximus and Confirmation of the Letters Patent, dated at Westminster by Henry the Eighth on the 7th of July in the 29th year of his reign, to the Mayor, burgesses, and inhabitants of Lenne. Dated at Richmond.

2 October, 4 & 5 Philip and Mary. — Letters Patent to the Mayor and burgesses of King's Lynn. Reciting the substance of the Letters Patent of 27 Feb., 1 & 2 Phil. and Mary, which annexed South Lynn to King's Lynn during pleasure, the present Letters Patent give South Lynn to the Mayor and burgesses of King's Lynn in fee-farm at a yearly rent of ten shillings, and further grant to the same Mayor and burgesses in fee-farm the manor of King's Lynn, and the quit-rents in the borough, being in the hands of the said King and Queen by force of an arrangement made between the Bishop of Norwich and the late King Henry the Eighth, to hold the same as of the manor of Estgrenewiche of the said King and Queen and of their heirs and successors, at a yearly rent of 13*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* Dated at Westminster.

6 July, 1 Elizabeth.—Letters Patent of Exemplification of a certain Act of the Parliament (begun at Westminster on the 23rd of January in the same year), respecting the renewal of a fair in the town of King's Lynn, to be held there yearly on the next . . . . after the Feast of the Purification of the Virgin, and to last for six days. The parchment being so defaced by damp as to be illegible in the most important passages of the original writing.

20 May, 18 Elizabeth.—Articles Indented made and agreed upon by Robert Bell esquire, recorder of the towne of Kinge's Lynne co. Norfolk, and Stephen Thumblebye esq. recorder of the towne of Bostone in the countie of Lincolne, touching a matter in varyaunce for toll between certeyne of the inhabitantes of Bostone aforesaide being tenauntes of the Duchye of Lancaster of thone partye, and the Mayor and burgesess of Kyngyes Lynne aforesaid of thother partye.

1 December, 19 Elizabeth. — Letters Patent of Inspeximus and Confirmation of the Letters Patent, dated at Richmond by Philip and Mary on the 11th of August in the 4th and 5th year of their respective reigns, of Inspeximus and Confirmation of the Letters Patent, dated at Westminster by Edward the Sixth on the 6th of December in the 1st year of his reign, of Inspeximus and Confirmation of aforementioned Letters Patent, dated at Westminster by Henry the Eighth on the 7th of July in the 29th year of his reign. Dated at Westminster.

12 November, 2 James I.—Letters Patent of the grant of Admiralty Jurisdiction to the Mayor and burgesses of King's Lenn, on the death

or resignation of the present Lord High Admiral, with confirmation in general terms of previous charters to the borough.—Dated at Westminster.

22 April, 9 James I. — Letters Patent for the reconstitution of the ancient hospital of St. Mary Magdalen in Gaywood, situated near the calcetum between King's Lynn and Gaywood co. Norfolk, with Governors, a warden or master, and ten, nine, eight, seven, six or five poor brethren and sisters. Dated at Westminster. — Also, Letters Patent of 27 January 15 James I., of a Commission, addressed to Sir Le Strange Mordant bart., and Sir Hamond Le Strange knt., and to John Richers, Owin Sheppard, John Founteyne and William Armiger esquires and appointing them commissioners to enquire and ascertain by the examination of witnesses the limits and bounds of a certain "faldecursus," in dispute between the Governors of the hospital of St. Mary Magdalen aforesaid plaintiffs and Henry Bastard and others defendants, and to return their finding into the Court of Chancery. Dated at Westminster.—Also, the Letters Patent (dated at Westminster, 4 June 5 James I.) of the grant, for life, of the "roome and place of Governor or Guyder of the Spitle Howse of Goworth" (*sic*) co. Norfolk, to Thomas Battie; the said grant being made in consideration of the said Thomas Battie's "service heretofore done in the warres," and of "his maymes sustained therein."

9 March, 17 Charles II. — Letters Patent of Inspeximus and Confirmation of charters dated by former sovereigns, beginning with King John's charter to the Burgesses of Lenn; granting to the borough a High Steward, and appointing a fine for refusal to serve in the office of an alderman. Dated at Westminster.

9 July, 36 Charles II. — Letters Patent for the reconstitution of the borough of King's Lynn, with a Chief Steward, Mayor, recorder, twelve aldermen, two coroners, a town clerk, and eighteen common councilmen. With appointment (for life) of Henry Duke of Norfolk to be first and present Chief Steward; of Benjamin Keene esq. to be first and present Mayor; with appointment of Henry Ferrour to be first and present recorder, "quam diu bene se gesserit;" with appointment of Sir Simon Taylor knt., Sir John Turner knt., and Benjamin Holley, Henry Bell, Thomas Robinson, Giles Bridgman, Edmund Tassett and Henry Chennery, esquires, and Edward Bodham, John Kidd, Edmund Hooke and Thomas Pepys gentlemen to be first and present aldermen, holding office for life, unless in the meantime the same aldermen or any one of them shall be removed from office for any reasonable cause; with appointment of Edward Bodham and John Kidd, gentlemen, to be first and present coroners; with appointment of Edmund Rolfe to be first and present town-clerk, holding office "quamdiu bene se gesserit;" and with appointment of Robert Sparrow, Osbert Backler, John Pulvertoft, William Hatfield, Robert Paine, Thomas Lemon, William Lynstead, Henry Bett junior, William Holley, Charles Turner, Henry Pope, Robert Few, John Taverner, Robert Awborne, Robert Allen, Timothy Preist, Robert Fuller, and William Stringer gentlemen to be the first and present eighteen members of the common council, holding office in accordance with the ancient usage of the borough: power being reserved to the King, his heirs and his successors, at their pleasure to remove, by order made in Privy Council and under the seal of the same Council, any Steward, Mayor, recorder, town clerk, justice of the peace, alderman, common councilman, or other officer of the said borough. Dated at Westminster.

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(*c.*) *Rolls from the Time of Edward the First to* 1656 *A.D.*

(1.)—Edward I.—Two Subsidy Rolls. (1.) The Roll of moneys gathered in a single constabulary of the town of Bishop's Lynn towards the payment of a Fifteenth, granted to the King by parliament in the 3rd or 29th year of Edward the First. To learn the reasons for assigning this roll to the one or the other of these years, the reader is referred to "Remarks on a Subsidy Roll in the Possession of the Corporation of Lynn Regis. Communicated by the Rev. G. H. Dashwood F.S.A." in the first volume of "Norfolk Archæology." (2) The Roll of moneys, gathered in a single constabulary of the town of Bishop's Lynn towards the payment of a tenth. Neither of these rolls is dated. Extracts from Roll (1) are given in Mr. Dashwood's paper. Roll (2) came to light after the publication of the antiquary's essay.

(2.)—Edward I. (?).—Imperfect Terrier of the town of Bishop's Lynn. Not dated; but assigned to Edward the First's time, by a note on the leather wrapper.

(3.) 24–6 Edward I.—Assize-of-Bread Rolls of the 24th, 25th and 26th years of Edward the First.

(4.) Edward II.—Copy, in hand-writing of Henry the Sixth's time, of a Terrier (temp. Edward II. ?) of the part of Bishop's Lenn, called Neweland; ending with the words, "Hic explicit tota illa pars Lenn' que vocatur Newelond, scilicet ex parte Aquilonari dicte Ville."

(5.) 3 Edward II. to 1654 A.D.—Leet Rolls of the years of 3 Edward II.; 2, 7, 20, 26, 33, 46 and 49 Edward III., with undated membranes of divers rolls of the same reign; 3, 15, 18 Richard II.; 5, 6 Henry IV., with undated membranes of divers rolls of the same reign; 8 Henry V.; 4, 5, 6, 9, 13 Henry VI.; 20 Elizabeth; 13, 14, 21 James I.; and 1654 A.D. Also, to be mentioned in connection with these rolls, Headborough's Books of 1594, 1624, 1630, 1633, 1636, 1641, 1663, 1666, 1746 A.D., and similar books of later years.

(6.) Edward II. (?).—Undated Bede-Roll of the Gild Merchant of the Holy Trinity of Lenn; exhibiting 867 names of the brethren of the gild on two closely written membranes, the earlier membrane being headed, "Hii sunt fratres Gilde Mercatorie de Lenn."

(7.) October, 3 Edward II.—Illustrated copy of a Composition made between John by God's grace the Bishop of Norwich and Lord of the town of Bishop's Lenne of the one part, and the Mayor and Community of the said town of the other part.

(8.) 1 Edward III. to 4 & 5 Philip andMary.—Chamberlains' Yearly Accounts of receipts and payments, in the years 1–2, 5–6, 7–8, 8–9, 9–10, 10–11, 11–12, 12–13, 13–14, 14–15, 17–18, 20–1, 22–3, 23–4, 25–6, 27–8, 28–9, 29–30, 30–1, 31–2, 34–5, 35–6, 36–7, 38–9, 39–40, 41–2, 43–4, 44–5, 45–6, 46–7, 47–8, 48–9, 49–50 of Edward the Third, and 50 Edward III.—1 Richard II.; 1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 8–9, 12–13 of Richard the Second, and 22 Rich. II.—1 Hen. IV.; 3–4 of Henry the Fourth; 1–2, 4–5, 6–7 of Henry the Fifth; 23–4, 25–6, 31–2, 35–6 of Henry the Sixth; 1–2, 5–6, 13–14 of Edward the Fourth; 1–2 and 2–3 of Richard the Third; 1–2, 7–8, 9–10, 20–1 of Henry the Seventh; 2–3, 6–7, 11–12, 15–16 of Henry the Eighth, with fragmentary Rolls of 18–19, 19–20, 20–1, 22–3, 27–8, 31–2, 35–6 of the same reign; 2–3, 3–4, 4–5, 5–6 of Edward the Sixth, and 6 Edw. VI.—Mary; and 1 & 2–2 & 3, 2 & 3–3 & 4, 3 & 4–4 & 5 and 4 & 5 Philip and Mary.

(9.) 8 & 23 Edward III.—Husting Court Rolls (fragmentary) of the 8th and 23rd years of Edward the Third.

(10.) 47 Edward III. to 24 Henry VII.—Trinity Gild Rolls; viz., rolls of the yearly accounts of the scabins of the Gild Merchant of the Holy Trinity of Lenn, of the years 47–8 of Edward the Third; 8–9, 10–11, 13–14, of Richard the Second; 7–8 of Henry the Fourth; 4–5, 9–10 of Henry the Fifth, and 10 Henry V.—1 Henry VI; 3–4, 16–17, 17–18, 19–20, and 22–3 of Henry the Sixth; 3–4, 7–8, 8–9, 14–15, 17–18, 18–19 of Edward the Fourth; 1 Edward the Fifth; and 8–9, 18–19 and 23, of Henry the Seventh. Made up from the Feast of the Holy Trinity of one year to the same Feast in the next following year, these accounts show that the Gild derived a considerable yearly revenue from the sale of mill-stones, grave-stones, paving-stones and marble, in which commodity it seems to have had a monopoly, and a still more important source of income from fees for admissions,—women being admitted to the *spiritual benefits* of the gild for the same heavy payment, by which men became participators in all the benefits of the association. What is here said of the terms and conditions, under which women were admitted to the Gild should not escape the reader's attention, nor be allowed to pass from his mind, as it differs materially from what was written on the same subject by the late Mr. Harrod, F.S.A., some of whose translated extracts from these records represent that women entered the Gild, in order to share in the *special benefits* of the society. For instance, according to Mr. Harrod (*vide* his published "Report on the Deeds and Records of the Borough of King's Lynn," 1874), Margaret Kyrketon in the 10th year of Henry the Fifth paid a hundred shillings "for admission to special benefits of the Guild after her death," the Latin word there rendered "special" being a contracted form of "spiritualibus."

— Also, to be mentioned with these Rolls of Accounts, (*a*.) The Series of Congregation Rolls, viz., rolls of records of acts and proceedings at the assemblies of the Alderman and brethren of the Trinity Gild (8 Ric. II. to 12 Henry VI.), and (*b*) a Terrier, made in 4 Edw. IV. of the Lands and Tenements of the Gild of the Holy Trinity of Bishop's Lenn, lying in South Lenn.

(11.) 8–22 Richard II.—Enrolments of Wills (Testaments and Last Wills).

(12.) 9 Richard II. to 10 Henry V.—Assembly or Congregation Rolls (otherwise styled Guild Hall Rolls) of the following years, (*a*) 9–10 Richard II.; (*b*) 1, 2, 3 and 4 Henry IV.; (*c*) 13 Henry IV.–1 Henry V.; and (*d*) 6–7, 8–9 and 9–10 Henry V. It should be observed that three of these four rolls pertain to the period, beginning in 19 Richard II., when the Congregation records of the Red Register cease, and closing with 2 Henry VI., the opening year of the Assembly (or Congregation) Book No. I.; during the larger part of which period, if not during the whole of it, the Acts and Proceedings of Assemblies were entered for permanent record on the membranes of Hall Rolls, instead of the leaves of Hall Registers.

(13.) 11 Richard II. to 39 Henry VI.—Corpus Christi Gild Rolls; viz., Rolls of the yearly accounts of the successive treasurers of the Corpus Christi Gild, of the following years 11–12, 15–16, of Richard the Second; 1–2, 2–3, 3–4, 4–5, 5–6, 6–7, 8–9, 10–11, 11–12 of Henry the Fourth, and 13 Hen. IV., 1 Hen. V.; and 3–4, 5–6, 6–7, 7–8, 8–9, 9–10, 10–11, 12–13, 16–17, 17–18, 18–19, 19–20, 20–1, 22–3, 24–5, 25–6, 29–30, 31–2, 37–8, 38–9 Henry VI.

(14.) 15 Richard II.—Rental of the rents pertaining to the community of the town of Bishop's Lenn.

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(15.) 17 September, 4 Henry VI.—Rental of all the rents, tenements and lands of the community of Lenn, renewed on the seventeenth day of September of 4 Henry VI. and 1425 A.D., John Parmonter being then the Mayor of Lenn.

(16.) 4–5 Henry VI.—Rental of all the rents, tenements and lands of the community of Lenne.

(17.) Philip and Mary.—Tolbooth Roll (paper) headed, Thys Booke Gatheryd in the year of Raaff Downs Mayor anno 1557 by me Henry Hylle.

(18.) Elizabeth.—Four Petty Tolls' Rolls (paper), of moneys taken by way of the same tolls.

(19.) 13 Elizabeth to 1751 A.D.—Nine Rolls of enrolments of deeds, of the following terms of years, 13 Eliz. to 1 James I, 1640–48, 1654–62, 1671–91, 1689–1702, 1702–8, 1710–11, 1717–29, 1730–33, 1733–35, and 1735–40. Together with a Book of enrolments of deeds of 1740–51, A.D.

(20.) 22–3 Elizabeth.—Roll of the Common Staith Quay Tolls and Rents; headed, "Thaccompt of Michaell Revitt for the Profettes rising of the Comen Stath Yarde . . . the warehouses thereto belonginge within the same, from the yeldinge up of his accompte made the xixth of February in the xxii yere of the reigne of our Sovereigne Lady Quene Elizabeth until the first daie of the moneth of March in the xxiii yere of her said Majesties reigne, made and yelded up att the Hall holden the Tenth daie of the said month of March in the second yere of Mr. Franncis Shaxton his mayoralty, as followeth."

(21.) 1597 A.D.—Roll of the names of the Mayors of Lynn, from John Cotshall mayor of the said town in 1352. With historical notes and memoranda.

(22.) 20 April, 1604. — Petty Tolls Roll, indented and headed, "This Roll indented made the xxth daie of Aprill 1604, and in the yeres of the raigne of our Sovereign Lord James &c. . . . . of all such tolls commonly called pettie . . . ., belonging to the Maior and burgesses of the said towne of Lenne as they have appointed Clement Pilgram one of their watter-bailiffes of the said Town to collect gather take and receive for upon or in respect of any such goodes wares or merchandizes as shalbe conveied or carried either by water or by land from or out of the said towne or the liberties thereof, apperteyninge or belonginge to any foriner or stranger, or any person or persons not being fre of any citie burgh or towne priviledged from payinge of tolls within the said towne of Lenne, as hereafter followeth."

(23)—February 1656.—Petty Tolls' Roll, headed. "A Roll of all . . . . Tolls belonging to the Mayor and burgesses of the said burrough, commonly called pettie tolls to be collected and gathered for and in respect of all such goods wares and merchandizes as be hereafter mencioned after the rates hereunder written and set downe, and soe for any greater or lesser quantityes proportions or summes which shalbe conveied or carried by water or by land to any place or places out of the said burrough or the libertyes thereof (except into parts beyond the sea), belonging to any forreigner or other person or persons not being priviledged from paying of tolls within the said borrough or the libertyes thereof, transcribed and copied out this day of February in the yeare of our Lord 1656, as hereafter followeth."

(*A*). *Extracts from The Chamberlains' Accounts.*

Chamberlains' Accounts from 1 *Edward III to* 4 *&* 5 *Philip and Mary.*

1–2 Edward III.—Account of Roger de Buttele, Thomas de Melcheburne, William de Hautboys and Richard de Jakesham, chamberlains of the town of Lenn of all receipts and expenses, from Michaelmas-day 1 Edw. III. to the same feast next following. The account of expenses comprising the following items,—

viii*s.* viii*d.* given to Richard de Oxwikes for enrolling the charter before the king,

iii*s.* iiii*d.* given for the expenses of Thomas the clerk at the feast of St. Michael when he sought the Bish[op] by the advice of Walter of Norwich,

xxi*d.* given for a hakenye for the use of the same Thomas at that time,

iiii*li.* x*s.* given for the expenses of John de Swerdeston, Thomas de Melchburne, Thomas the clerk and their associates at York at the feast of St. Michael for furthering the business with the bishop.

iii*s.* ii*d.* given to Richard de Oxwikes for judicial briefs for the Prior of Spaldinges,

xl*s.* given to Adam de Fincham for having counsel about the bishop's business,

lxxviii*s.* given for expenses to John de Swerdeston and Roger de Buttele towards the parliament at York.

5–6 Edward III.—Account of Robert Erl, Thomas Rytwis, Thomas Baunne and Richard de Wotton, chamberlains from Michaelmas, 5 Edward VI. to the same feast next following. The account of expenses comprising the following items,—

viii*s.* given for the sealing of the new statute,

ii*s.* given to three messengers of the king,

ii*s.* given to two messengers of the king,

iii*s.* vi*d.* given to Thomas the clerk for his expenses towards Norwic,

xliii*s.* given for the expenses of Roger de Bristole and Thomas the clerk towards Oxford and remaining there,

xxxiii*s.* vi*d.* concerning the expenses of the Maior of Oxford, Richard de Cary and other burgesses of Oxford, when they answered to the interrogations of the same persons,

vi*s.* viii*d.* given to the chamberlain of the court, when the letter was sealed,

lxix*s.* given for the expenses of John de Walsingham and Thomas the clerk,

xx*s.* given for the expenses of Thomas the clerk at London for the staple of wools,

xl*s.* for the expenses of Thomas the clerk and his associates at London to the last parliament,

xx*s.* given for bread sent to Isabell the old Queen when she came from Walsingham,

iii*li.* iii*s.* iiii*d.* given for a cask of wine sent to the same queen,

xl*s.* given for oats sent to the same queen,

v*s.* given for bread sent to the bishop at another time,

viii*s.* given for wine sent to the same bishop,

iiii*s.* given for six herouns sent to the same bishop,

xl*s.* given to the clerk of Oxford for having their statutes,

vi*s.* viii*d.* to the clerk writing the said statutes,

xx*s.* to Richard de Cary and his associate for the counsel of the same clerk.

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7–8 Edward III.—Account of Robert Braunch, Hamon de Cokeford, Robert de Dokkynge and John de Manegrene, chamberlains, &c. The account of expenses comprising the following items,—

xxv*d.* given for carrying tribute to the queen to Rising',
xiii*s.* iiii*d.* given to the bishop's steward, for his offering,
xviii*d.* for a pair of gloves to the same steward,
xxi*d.* given for carriage of sand towards the east gates and for a hakeney to Risinge,
v*s.* iiii*d.* given for the expense of the removal of the 'Holygostes,'
iii*s.* iiii*d.* given for the expenses of the bailiffs of the Tolboth,
vi*li.* xv*s.* ix*d.* for the expenses of William de Brinton and Thomas the clerk to the parliament at York and for asserting liberty there,
xi*li.* ii*s.* iiii*d.* given for expenses at St. Botham by the hands of the chamberlains at the day of love between the men of Lyncoln and Lenn.
lxvi*s.* viii*d.* given for a barell of Sturgeoun sent to the Bishop of Norwyces,
vi*li.* ii*d.* given for flesh and swans sent to the Queen.

8–9 Edward III.—Account of Laurence de Fordham, Reginald de Sisterne, John de Contessale and William de Hoo, chamberlains, &c. The account of expenses comprising the following items,—

xxxvi*s.* vi*d.* given for the expenses of the king and queen when they crossed over the water, by the hands of Laurence de Fordham and Reginald de Sisterne,
xl*s.* given "pro Robis serviencium,"
v*s.* v*d.* given for the expenses of the serjeants coming to consult with the community for their affairs,
iii*s.* viii*d.* for the expenses of the servants of the Sir John Stormyn,
iii*s.* iiii*d.* given to the clerk of John Shardelowe,
ix*d.* for a valet going for John de Rokele,
xii*d.* given for a letter sent to Ely,
vi*d.* given for ship-passage towards the king's ships,
x*d.* given "pro cust' lane apud Le Tolbothe,"
lv*li.* given for the acquisition of the new charter and a duplicate of the same, by the hands of Geoffrey de Mumbi and Thomas the clerk, besides xx*li.* of the king's fine, and c*s.* for things sent to the Lord Robert de Ufford.

Also, the following items of tribute and offerings grouped together under "Exennie":—

lviii*s.* given for flesh-meats sent to Queen Isabel,
xx*s.* for lampreys sent to the same Queen,
viii*s.* x*d.* given for wine sent to the same Queen,
xviii*d.* given for wine sent to the sheriff of Cantebrigge,
ii*s.* vi*d.* for bread sent to the bishop,
vii*d.* ob., for bread sent to the Lord de Multone,
xii*d.* ob., for bread sent to the Lord de Morele,
ii*s.* v*d.* for a quarter of oats sent to the same lord,
iiii*s.* viii*d.* for two quarters of oats sent to the Lord Hugh de Audele.
viii*s.* for wine sent to the same lord and also to Robert de Morele,
ii*s.* xi*d.* given for a quarter of oats sent to the Lord Robert de Morele at another time,
vi*s.* given for wine sent to the same Robert and to the Lord de Wake,
iij*s.* for wine sent to the bishop,

viis. viiid. given to Adam de Norwyc for wine sent on the day of the Lord's Nativity,
vs. given for Rhine wine sent to the bishop,
xxid. for bread sent to Roger de Kerdesstone and his associates,
vid. ob. for bread sent to Constantine de Mortuomari,
iis. vid. given for bread sent to the bishop,
ixs. iiijd. for wine sent to the same bishop,
ls. vid. for flesh-meats sent to the same bishop,
xxxs. for lampreys sent to the same bishop,
Also under the marginal heading "Expense Navium"—

iiiili. xs. given to Geoffrey Wreke for the freight of a ship called *The Caterine*,
xxivli. vis. given to Roger Fanchild and Roger Catour, for the wages of mariners in Lord King's service,
vs. given for oars to the said ship,
xili. given to Roger Fayrchild for his costs on either passage,
xviiid. given to Philip Wych for a message to Lincoln,
xxiiis. id. given to Henry Bataylle for ale and other expenses in the ship of Roger de Buttele,
lviis. for xii quarters of wheat, for the expenses of mariners in two ships for the King's use.

9-10 Edward III.—Account of Hugh Botele, Walter de Ixworth, William de Grentham and Roger Folcard, chamberlains, &c. The account of expenses comprising the following items,—

viiili. xis. viiid. given to John de Swerdeston and William de Secheford for their costs to parliament,
ixs. given for lampreys and sturjoun for the use of the Sheriff of Norfolk,
vid. given "pro pulsatione libertatis,"
xd. ob. for guard kept on the arms in the Guild Hall,
vs. given for bread sent to the Lord King,
iiiili. xs. given for a pipe of Rhine wine sent to the same King,
xxd. ob., given for the making and carriage of the same pipe,
viili. vis. viiid. given for two barells of sturjoun sent to the same King,
viili. vis. viiid. for two barells of Sturjoun sent to the Treasurer and William de Monte Acuto.

10-11 Edward III.—Account of Simon de Veteringe, Robert Robat, John de Wesenham, and Simon de Snoringge, chamberlains, &c. The account of expenses comprising the following items,—

ixli. vis. viiid. given for two gerfalks bought for the use of the Lord King,
viis. vid. given "pro jessis caprouns and turrez" to the same gerfalke,
xxxviiis given to Andrew de Biri for keeping of same gerfalke,
xiiis. iiiid. given to Sir Edmund de Lenn for assistance in court throughout that year,
xxiid. given for the expenses of the Justices in the Gild-Hall,
viiili. iiis. ixd. given for the expenses of Roger de Buttele, Geoffrey Drewe, and Thomas the clerk to London to the Lord King's council,
xvs. vid. given for the cleansing of Pufflet and the other watergates,
iiiis. iiiid. given to two "currours" towards London,
iis. given to Thomas Wulsi for asserting liberty in the Steward's Hall,
iiis. viiid. given to the Clerk of the Lord King's ships,
iiiis. given to the Lord King's "heraud and trumpour,"

xx*s.* given to Olaver Justice "del Tylbastoun" at his first coming,
xx*s.* given to John de Harsik and his associate,
xx*s.* given to Costantine de Mortuomari their associate,
xx*s.* given to Adam de Fincham their associate,
ix*s.* iiii*d.* given to the clerk of the same Justices,
xi*s.* iii*d.* given for bread and wine sent to the same Justices for this time,
xii*s.* given for gloves for the same,
iii*s.* iiii*d.* given to Robert Cokes, the clerk of the sheriff.

Also, under the marginal heading of "Expense Navium," these items,—

xv*li.* xvi*s.* i*d.*, given for wages of men in three ships in the Lord King's service, *viz.*, *The Cog Johan* vi*li.* xi*s.* x*d.*, *The Seintemaricog* iiii*li.* ix*s.* iiii*d.*, *The Katerine* iiii*li.* xv*s.*
lxvi*li.* xi*s.* given for wages of men in seven ships in the King's service, viz., *The Katerine* viii*li.* xii*s.*, *The Rose* vii*li.* vii*s.*, *The Seintemaricog* ix*li.* xvi*s.*, *The Katerine*, xi*li.* xi*s.*, *The Margarete* ix*li.* xvi*s.*, *The Welifar'* ix*li.* xv*s.*, *The Cog Johan* ix*li.* xvi*s.*,
xvi*li.* given "pro armis emptis ad Galliam,"
xxxiiii*s.* given to Paul Underclif for arms,
xxxv*s.* given for the reparation of old arms.

Also, these items for the strengthening of the walls of the town and the paving of the market-place:—

li*li.* iiii*s.* vii*d.* given "pro clayis, gleyo, et pilis pro defenso circa muros communitatis,
lxv*s.* x*d.* given for pavement made in the common market, by the hands of John de Swerdeston, mayor.

11–12 Edward III. — Account of Robert de Wuttone, Simon de Roughtone, William de Swantone, and Stephen de Kentes, chamberlains, &c.:—

The account of expenses comprising the following items,—
xiii*s.* iiii*d.* given to the keepers of the Lord King's falcoun,
iii*s.* given to the Lord King's servants,
v*s.* ii*d.* given for passing a certain minstrel of Sir William de Monte Acuto towards parts beyond sea,
iiii*s.* given to Benedict de Byri for keeping the gerfalcoun,
xl*s.* given to Thomas de Melcheburne for his expenses to the king's parliament at Notingham,
liii*s.* v*d.* given to the same Thomas for the same purpose for two turns at Westminster,
x*li.* given to Thomas de Melcheburne, for his ship called *The Magdalene.*
xxiiii*s.* given "pro lupis aquaticis et anguillis missis regine veteri,"
liii*li.* viii*s.* given for the expenses of ten ships, viz., *The Katerine Major*, *The Trinitez*, *The Katerine Minor*, *The Gracedu*, *The Margarete*, *The Blithe*, *The Seintemaricog*, *The Welifar'*, *The Rose*, and *The Magdaleyne.*
ix*li.* xviii*s.* given to three ships found by the community in the service of the Lord King, going towards Gernemuth at the feast of St. Mark the Evangelist, viz., to John de Reppe constable of the ship called *The Katerine Major* lxxvii*s.* for the sustenance of twenty men in the said ship for fourteen days; to Andrew Kynd constable of the ship called *The Welifar* for sixteen men in the said ship for the said time lxiii*s.*; and to William de Secheford constable of the ship called *The*

Katerine Mirror, for fourteen men in the same ship, for the same time lvi*s.*

12–13 Edward III.—Account of John Richwys, Thomas Belleyetere, William de Santone, and Henry de Guntone, chamberlains, &c.: The sum accounted for being cccxii*li.* iii*s.* ii*d.* ob. q^{a}, and the account of expenses comprising the following items,—

xx*s.* given to Richard de Castel the King's clerk, coming on the King's business,

x*s.* given to John Payn the King's serjeant, being with the same Richard,

vi*s.* viii*d.* given to two esquires being with the same persons,

ii*s.* given to their valet,

ii*s.* vi*d.* given to four valets of the same persons,

ix*s.* viii*d.* given to the esquires and valets of Thomas de Drayton, Admiral at Lenn,

ii*s.* viii*d.* given to a valet carrying the Mayor's letter to the Admiral to Gipewyc,

iiii*s.* given to Walter Kellock and William Baunne, going with the Mayor's letter to Hunstaunton to the masters and constables of five ships, prepared for war in the King's service, to appear before the Mayor and community to answer the men of Seland concerning divers things taken from them by the mariners of the same five ships,

xx*s.* i*d.* given for the expenses of Henry de Gunton and Robert Robat going to Orwelle for furthering the business of the community with Thomas de Drayton, Admiral,

ii*s.* given to the minstrels of Sir Robert de Morlee,

xl*s.* given for a falcons, given to Sir Walter de Cheshunte the Queen Isabell's steward,

iii*s.* iiii*d.* given to a serjeant-at-mace of the Lord King.

Also, amongst the notable matters of this roll, the "Expense Navium" and the "Expense Roberti de Morle Admirall."

13–14 Edward III.—Account of Thomas de Swerdeston, William de Utterynge, William de Snorynge and William Erl, chamberlains, &c.: the account of expenses comprising the following items,—

xx*s.* given to Sir William de Playford,

vi*s.* viii*d.* given to Richard atte Rode the Lord King's Serjeant-at-arms,

iii*s.* vi*d.* for stones bought for making the pavement in the common way to the "communem latrinam in Brigegate"

lxxi*s.* paid for a falcon given to Sir Walter de Chesthunt,

ii*s.* xi*d.* paid "pro gentaculo" of the Sheriff of Norfolk and Sir John de Wilton at Richard de Wotton's tavern,

xxxiii*s.* iiii*d.* delivered to Richard de Skyron for his expenses to London upon the Lord King's arrival from parts beyond sea,

ci*s.* ix*d.* given to John de Mongomeri "et familie sue et familie domini Willelmi de Cusaunce,"

liii*s.* ii*d.* for the expences of the same persons,

lx*s.* given to Geoffrey de Bouresyard, for his assistance in reforming the peace between the Lady the Queen and the community of the town,

iii*s.* given for the carriage of wine and turbot sent to the Queen.

17–18 Edward III.—Account of Philip Wych, John de Conteshal', Thomas de Fransham and William de Swanton, chamberlains, &c.: the account of expenses comprising the following items,—

ix*li.* xviii*s.* x*d.* paid for flesh-meats sent to the Lady Isabell the Queen,

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iiil*i.* xvis. i*d.* in offerings sent to the servants of the Lord King at Thorndenes, at the first coming of the Lord King to Rysyng.

cs. "pro duobus salc'" sent to the King at the same time,

vis. viii*d.* given to John de Windesone the King's doorkeeper at the same time,

iiis. vii*d.* given for the charges of the Lord King's palfrey at the same time,

iiis. given for gloves with the Lord King's falcon at the same time,

iii*d.* for a horse taken by Mertum messenger to Rysing, at the same time,

xii*d.* given to the King's messenger, John Disarchis,

xviii*d.* given to the King's messenger, Thomas de Rouston,

iii*d.* given to a runner of the Lord King,

xii*d.* given to the Earl of Suffolk's minstrel,

xii*d.* given to the Lord de Bardolf's minstrel,

iis. vi*d.* given to divers of the King's runners at divers times,

xx*d.* given to two of the King's messengers,

iiis. iiii*d.* given for a letter carried to Sir John de Orby.

20–21 Edward III.—Account of William Erl, Thomas Cook, Adam de Refham and John de Denby, chamberlains &c.: the account of expenses (in all, ccccxxviii*li.* xviiis. iiii*d.* ob.) comprising, together with numerous gifts to messengers and minstrels of the King, the particulars of xvii*li.* vs. v*d.* spent on offerings sent to divers persons, viz., the Earl of Lancaster, Lord le Wake, Sir John le Grey, the Sheriff of Norfolk, the Lord le Scales, John de Thouresby, the Queen's maid, Sir John Howard, Thomas de Branbourgh, Richard de Beketon, Sir Robert de Causton, the Sheriff of Norfolk, the Lady Howard, John de Wesenham, John Syward, the Bishop of Durham, Thomas de Lexham and John Cheuelee.

25–26 Edward III.—Account of John de Chierford, Nicholas Coke, John de Fyncham, and Stephen Fot, chamberlains, &c.:—The account of expenses comprising the following items,—ix*li.* xiis. ix*d.* paid for a pipe of wine and a barrel of Stourgon, sent to Lady Isabell Queen of England, and for money given to John le Butelier and for the carriage of same offerings to Rysingge,

iis. xi*d.* paid for wine sent to Jon de Berneye and Roger Vyrly, Justices,

xiis. given to John de Wyndesonere and other men of the King's servants when the he was at Rysyngge,

27–28 Edward III.—Account of Thomas de Botelesham, John de Bekeswell, Nicholas de Somersham and John de Ridham, chamberlains: the account of expenses (in all, clxxvi*li.* xvs. 1*d.*) comprising the following items,—

xvii*li.* xvs. x*d.* expended by the hands of Nicholas de Somersham chamberlain, for the expenses of the Mayor and other honest men of Lenn toward Norwic, and there, and returning, and for offerings sent to Sir William de Sharushille and his associates, and for money given to divers men of the law for their counsel,

xxxvis. vii*d.* given to divers of the King's messengers and runners, and divers heralds and minstrels of the Prince, the Duke of Lancaster and of divers other Lords,

xvi*d.* paid for wine sent by John Bateman and Sir Simon de Babbinglee,

vs. iiii*d.* paid for wine sent to Thomas de Drayton, Admiral, and divers of the King's serjeants-at-arms,

iis. viii*d.* paid for wine sent to Sir . . . . de Brewes,

xii*d.* paid for wine in the beginning of the year, when the Mayor and honest men of Lenn went to Geywod to present the Mayor to the Bishop,
v*li.* xiii*s.* iiii*d.* paid "pro vno doleo vini" sent to the Lord Bishop,
iii*li.* iii*s.* iiii*d.* paid "pro laumpers" sent to the bishop,
vi*d.* paid for "canevaces" in which the said "laumprois" were carried.

28–29 Edward III.—Account of Ancelm Braunch, Thomas de Bukworth, Rogers Wyth and Robert Brysclee, chamberlains, &c.:—

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The account of expenses (in all iiiixiiii*li.* xv*s.* vii*d.*) comprising the following items,—
xxvii*s.* paid to divers messengers, runners and minstrels,
iiii*s.* paid for wine sent to Master Thomas de Morle and Master Walter de Elvedon "coreccoribus domini Episcopi,"
v*s.* paid for wine and bread sent to Sir Robert de Morle,
ii*s.* ii*d.* paid for wine and "pikes" sent to Richard de Cornwalis the King's serjeant-at-arms, when he came for the arrest of the ship,
x*s.* paid for wine spent on the Sheriff's bailiffs, when they came for the Queen's gold,
iii*s.* vi*d.* paid for wine sent to Sir Thomas de Ufford,
xxxii*d.* paid for wine sent to Sir Simon de Babbinglee,
x*l.* paid for wine sent to the Lord Thomas of Brymbre,
iiii*li.* xvi*s.* i*d.* ob. paid for ciii*qrs.* xi*li.* of wax sent to the Lady the Queen,
v*li.* x*s.* paid for two barels of storjoun sent to the same Queen,
xvii*d.* ob. paid for carriage of the said barels and wax.
xx*s.* paid for "ii. tartelettes," given to Peroce de . . . the said Queen's servant.
iiii*li.* xiii*s.* iiii*d.*, paid to Edward de Cretinge sheriff of Norfolk, for the Queen Phelippa's gold, pertaining to her from the fines of the men of Lenn, made before William de Sharushulle and his associates, Justices of the King's Bench, at Norwich, for certain excesses, extortions and transgressions.

29–30 Edward III.—Account of Nicholas de Swerdestone, John de Brunham, Edmund de Brestone and Andrew Taverner, chamberlains &c., the account of the expenses (in all, cclxvi*li.* xi*s.* i ob.) comprising the following items,—
iii*s.* iiii*d.* paid for wine, sent to Sir Robert de Morlee, junior,
xx*li.* sent to Phelippa Queen of England,
x*li.* sent to her son,
v*li.* vi*s.* paid for a piece of wax sent to the said Queen,
ii*d.* ob. paid for the carriage of the same,
liii*s.* iiii*d.* paid to William de Swanton mayor for his horse, given to the said Queen,
xl*s.* given to the said Queen's steward,
iii*s.* iiii*d.* given to the said Queen's messenger,
ii*s.* given for a sword, bought and given to a certain minstrel of the same Queen, viz. to a certain herald,
vii*li.* xi*s.* iiii*d.* paid for a piece of work and a barel of stourjoun sent to Cicel' de Wesenham.

30–31 Edward III.—Account of Geoffrey Attetolboth, Thomas Curzon, William de Wesenham, and John Bolla Lyste, chamberlains

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&c., the account of the expenses (in all, iiiixii*li.* xix*d.*) comprising the following items,—
v*li.* x*s.* paid for two barels of stourgoun sent to the Lady Isabel, Queen of England.

vi*li.* paid for herrings sent to the same Queen,
ix*s.* paid for bread and "pikes" sent to Robert de Morlee,
x*s.* ix*d.* paid for wine, sent to Sir Robert de Causton, Sir John de Drewes, Sir John de Wilton, and John de Wesenham,
viii*s.* paid for wine sent severally to Sir John de Camoys knt., John de Coluill, John de Berneye and William de Dalton, the King's Justices.

39–40 Edward III.—Account of Geoffrey de Fransham, Richard de Henton, John de Nenteneye and Walter de Dunton, chamberlains &c.: the account of expenses (in all clxv*li.* xviii*s.* iii*d.* ob.) comprising the following items,—

iii*li.* v*s.* iii*d.* ob. paid for a pipe of Rhine wine and its carriage to the bishop,
iii*li.* x*s.* paid for a pipe of wine sent to the Duke of Lancaster,
xli*s.* paid for herouns sent to the Duke of Lancaster,
iiii*li.* iii*s.* vi*d.* paid for oats sent to the Duke of Lancaster.

43–44 Edward III.— Account (without the first membrane, and otherwise imperfect) of . . . . chamberlains: the account of expenses comprising the following payments to minstrels and runners (cursores),—

x*s.* given to the king's minstrels,
iii*s.* iiii*d.* given to the minstrels of the Earl of Hereford,
xii*d.* given to the Earl of Warwyk's minstrels,
xx*s.* given to Lord Spencer's minstrels,
iii*s.* iiii*d.* given to the Earl of Oxford's minstrels,
iii*s.* iiii*d.* given to two minstrels,
xx*d.* given to minstrels of the King of Scotland,
vi*s.* viii*d.* given to minstrels of the Earl of Suffolk,
iiii*s.* given to the minstrels of Lord Morlee,
iiii*s.* viii*d.* given to the Duke of Lancaster's minstrels,
xii*d.* given to the Earl of Suffolk's 'wafrer,'
iii*s.* iiii*d.* given to two 'gyterners' of the same earl,
xii*d.* given to two 'waferers,'
xxvi*s.* viii*d.* given "diuersis menestrallis et cursoribus per diversas vices."

44–45 Edward III.—Account of Henry de Cove, Roger Paxman, Thomas de Conteshale and Edmund Belleyetere, chamberlains, &c.: The account of expenses (in all, clxiii*li.* xi*s.* ii*d.*) comprising the following items,—

iiii*s.* vi*d.* paid for wine sent to Sir Ralph Fereres,
xxxix*s.* viii*d.* paid for wine, botores, herouns and oats sent to the Lord Nevill, Admiral.
vi*s.* vi*d.* for wine and other charges upon Thomas Mortimer, the esquire of the Lord Bishop,
iii*s.* ii*d.* ob. paid for wine sent to the Lady de Morle, with similar gifts to divers other personages,
Also, the following gifts "Menestrallis et Cursoribus,"
ix*s.* x*d.* given to seven "Waffreres" at seven times,
iii*s.* iii*d.* given to Balsham and his associates, minstrels of the Earl of Suffolk,
ii*s.* given to two minstrels of Sir Robert de Morle,
ii*s.* given to two minstrels of Sir William de Hoo,
ii*s.* given to two minstrels of Sir Walter Manne,
ii*s.* given to the minstrels of Sir Robert Mortimer,
ii*s.* viii*d.* given to four other minstrels at two times,
xx*d.* given "menestrallis et tripudiatoribus in Festo Natal' Dni,"

iis. given to minstrels on the first day of May,
iiis. given to a player (ludenti) on the same day,
iiiis. viiid. given "tribus thitheratoribus," at three times,
iiis. iiiid. given to three minstrels, at three times,
iis. given to a "gitener" of Sir Robert de Morle,
xiid. given to a minstrel,
xxd. given to a King's messenger,
iiis. iiid. given to a messenger who brought the King's brief for proclaiming peace between us and Flanders,
iiis. iiiid. given to the Chancellor's clerk, who brought a brief for arresting the men of Flanders,
xxd. given to the messenger who brought briefs "ad dños terr' pro parliamento,"
vs. given to five runners (cursoribus) of the Lord King, at five times.

45–46 Edward III.—Account of the same four Chamberlains of the receipt of money of the Gild of the Town of Linn, "videlicet de medietate catalli cujuslibet Gilde," granted by the community of the said Town in the Gildhall, for making ditches and amending the defects about the said town.

46–47 Edward III.—Account of Hugh de Elyngham, Adam Clerk, William de Holmeton and John Kempe, chamberlains:—The account of expenses comprising the following items,—

cxiis. paid for a piece of wax weighing ciiiqrs. xiiilb. sent to the bishop of Norwyc,
iiiili. xs. paid for a pipe of red wine sent to the same bishop,
ixs. vid. paid for eight flagons of wine sent to Sir Robert Howard at the time of the agreement made between the Community and James de Marham,
viis. iiiid. paid for eight flagons of wine, white and red, sent to the Lord Duke of Brittany,
xvid. paid for wine and spices, spent on Geoffrey de Folcham the Duke of Lancaster's steward,
xviiid. spent in sweet and red wine on Edmund Gurney,
xd. ob. spent in wine on the Steward of Lenn in the presence of the Mayor,
viiid. in wine spent on the same Steward and Edmund Gurney,
viid. for one potel (uno potello) spent on Brundale,
vid. "in uno potell' vini" spent on Thomas de Fakenham, the King's serjeant-at-arms.
Also, a great number of particulars of the expenditure of cclviiili. xis. vid. on the barge.

47–48 Edward III.—Account of John Blower, John Tatleshale, Thomas Drewe and Robert Kent, chamberlains &c.: the moneys received amounting to ccxlixli. vs. 1d. ob. The account of expenses, besides the ordinary disbursements and such gifts and offerings as are noticed in the previous accounts, gives particulars of expenditure "pro libertate manutenenda ac compoto vini dulcis," "de preparatu unius navis supra mare ex mandato Regis," and of further cost of the barge, amounting to xlvili. xvs. iiiid.

48–49 Edward III.—Account of Roger Paxman, John Waryn, Walter Dunton and Ralph Colkirke, chamberlains &c.: the moneys received amounting to ccxxxiiili. viis. vd. q^{a}., while the account of expenses comprises the following particulars of charges, arising from a meeting of persons banded together against the peace,

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xiid. paid to the bearer of the Mayor's letter to Edmund Gurney, for his counsel respecting the persons imprisoned for the disturbance of the peace,

iis. iid. paid for wine to be expended in the presence of the said Edmund for the said cause,

vs. iiiid. paid for wine spent at another time in the presence of the said Edmund and other chief men of the town, for the aforesaid cause,

iiis. viiid. paid at another time for wine on the same abovesaid account,

vs. viiid. paid for wine spent before William Berhard the Lord Prince's steward and other chief men of the town of Lenn on the day on which the same meeting (eadem conventicula) at the Friars Carmelites began to assemble,

vis. viiid. paid to John Olkam for his counsel on the aforesaid occasion,

xxs. paid to Edmund Gurney for making a session [?] for delivering the said prisoners (pro cession' faciend' ad d'cos imp'sonat' lib'and'),

iiis. iiiid. paid and given to John Sewale clerk of the Justices of the Peace on the matter aforesaid.

50 Edward III. to 1 Richard II.—Account of Thomas Curson, John Penteney, William Erl, John Brandon, chamberlains, &c.: the sum of the moneys received being vcl. li. vis. iid. qa. The account of expenses gives particulars of ciiili. ixs. vid. qa. spent on the barge and its boat; cxiiili. 1d. ob. on the costs of a certain enclosure for the defence of the town; and dcxvli. vs. vd. ob., under the heading "Custus causa suggestion,' Epi' Norwic coram Concil'ppoite," a division of the account that comprises two momentous items, viz. cccxviiili. xvs. iiid. paid as well to the Lord King "matri sue" as to divers other persons labouring for the community in respect to the Bishop's said cause; and cxvili. ixs. ixd. paid for the expenses of the Mayor aldermen and other honest burgesses, going from Lenn to London on account of a certain suggestion, touching them and very many of the community of the town of Lenn, laid before the King's Council by the Bishop of Norwich, for a certain transgression done to him in the town of Lenn; the amount of the disbursements for the year being dccclxxiiiili. xvs. ixd. qa— a sum exceeding the receipts of the year by ccxxiiili. ixs. viid. qa. Further it is represented by the accountants, that in addition to the amount of this large deficit, the town is indebted in xli. to the Mayor for labour; in xls. to Thomas Morton the clerk for counsel; in xxs. to Roger Bailly, the Serjeant of the community, for counsel; and in iiiili. to the Chamberlains. This account is followed by a list of the creditors of the town, beginning with The Confraternity of the Great Gild of the Holy Trinity of Lenn, to whom the Town owes clxli.

1–2 Richard II.—Account of John de Titleshale, Henry de Betele, John Donham and Philip With, chamberlains, &c.: the expenses, payments and allowances of the account (in all, dcclxxiili. xvs. viid. qa,) opening with ccxlili. ixs. viid. paid as well to the brethren of the Gild of the Holy Trinity as to the other creditors of the last year.

3–4 Richard II.—Account of John Kepe, Robert Kent, Robert Pulter and Thomas Faukes, chamberlains, &c.: the sum of the payments and allowances being cccclili. xiiiis. xd.

5–6 Richard II.—Account of Thomas de Conteshale, John Kempe, Philip de Staunforde and John Wace, chamberlains, &c.:—the amount of the payments and allowances being cciiili. xvs. ixd. ob. qa.

8–9 Richard II.—Account of Edmund Belleyettere, John Lokk, John de Dunham and William de Silesden, chamberlains &c.: the payments and allowances (ccciiii*li.* xvi*s.* ix*d.*) comprising the following items,—

lxvi*s.* viii*d.* paid for a pipe of wine sent to the Bishop of Norwic', to the priory,

xxx*s.* viii*d.* ob. paid for twenty-four lampreys sent to the same bishop, with canefas for wrapping them in (pro eisdem involvendis),

xvi*d.* paid for the boat of the same bishop going towards Scotland,

xx*d.* paid for two flagons of wine, sent to Robert Cailly,

iiii*s.* paid for wine, sent to Sir Thomas Percy, Admiral towards northern parts,

xii*d.* paid for one flagon of Malvesy, sent to Sir John Freton, Archdeacon of Norfolk,

xvi*d.* paid for two flagons of wine sent to Sir William Gunthorp one of the Barons of the King's Exchequer,

xi*s.* vi*d.* paid for seventeen flagons and a quarter of wine, sent to the Bishop of Norwic "in toura sua versus Scociam,"

x*d.* given to two runners of the King's Exchequer,

vi*s.* viii*d.* given to a certain messenger of the Bishop of Norwic, coming from Scotland,

iii*s.* iiii*d.* paid, by the council's gift, to a certain herald of the Earl of Northumberland,

xx*d.* paid, by the council's gift, to a certain messenger of the Queen of England,

iii*s.* iiii*d.* given to certain players, playing an interlude on Corpus Christi day.

iii*s.* iiii*d.* paid, by the Mayor's gift, to persons playing the interlude of St. Thomas the Martyr.

12–13 Richard II.—Account of John de Wenteworthe, William de Bircham, John Bold and Alan de Wamegey, chamberlains, &c.: the payments and allowances (in all, ccciiiixiiii*li.* xviii*s.* v*d.* ob) comprising the following items,—

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xl*s.* paid for a pipe of Gascon wine, sent "cuidam dominorum Prucie ambassiate ven' in Angliam pro diversis debatis inter Pruciam et Angliam sedandis,"

xviii*s.* iv*d.* paid for ten quarters of oats sent to the same lord,

xi*s.* viii*d.* paid to the cook of the bishop of Norwich and other servants, when the same bishop dined with our mayor, on what day the said Lord of Prucia ought to have dined with him, but came not to dinner because he left the town for London before dinner.

22 Richard II. to 1 Henry IV.—Account of John Wynteworth, Thomas atte Brygg, Thomas Fawkes and . . . . . chamberlains: receipts with the "remanet" carried over from the previous year amounting to ccccclxi*li.* xiii*s.* vi*d.* ob. q^{a}., and the account of expenses, &c. comprising the following items, —

xxxv*s.* ix*d.* for the expenses of Master Ralph Selby, one of the Barons of the Exchequer in the month of January,

iiii*li.* in gifts to the servants of the Duke of Albemarle,

xx*li.* given to the same lord,

xlvi*s.* viii*d.* in the expenses of the said duke,

vi*s.* in the ferrying of the same duke over the river at two times,

xv*d.* ob. in wine spent for the same duke,

xx*li.* given to the Lord of York,

xvi*d.* in wine for the same lord,
xiiii*li.* vi*s.* viii*d.* given to the Duchess of York,
xvi*d.* in wine for the same duchess,
xxx*s.* in wine and lampreys given to the same Lord of York,
lxvi*s.* viii*d.* given Richard, the son of the said duke,
xx*s.* given to the Treasurer of the duchess of York,
v*s.* x*d.* for the ferrying of the said duchess,
xl*d.* in wine for the same duchess,
xvi*s.* x*d.* in the expenses of Robert Bockesham and Thomas Waterden to Sestre with a letter on having speech with the Lord King,
xxvi*s.* viii*d.* in the expenses of John Brandon to London on the affairs of the town,
xl*s.* in reward to the same John Brandon.

3–4 Henry IV. — Account of Robert de Brunham, Richard Denby, John Marche and John Botesham, chamberlains, &c., together with the account for the same year of the receipts and payments of William Wintworth, Mayor of Lenn, and also the account of William Burton, Collector of Taxes. Differing from previous rolls of the series, in comprising a Mayor's account and a Tax-Collector's account, this roll points also to a change in the financial arrangements of the borough, in that each of the four chamberlains renders a separate account for the share done by himself of the work, hitherto performed conjointly by all four chamberlains. From the beginning of this change in the manner of keeping the accounts, the Chamberlains' Rolls, though no less fruitful of the evidence especially useful to the local historian, are for a considerable period far less rich in matters of general interest. The other rolls for this reign are of the years 6–7, 9–10, 11–12, 13–14, 14–15 of Henry IV.

1–2 Edward IV.—Accounts of Robert Pilly, Robert Kereby, Thomas Trust and Edmund Pepir, chamberlains, &c., the expenses, &c. of the accounts comprising the following items,—

ii*s.* viii*d.* paid for two flagons of sweet wine sent to the Lady de Scales, to Middelton,
iiii*s.* iiii*d.* paid for three flagons of red wine and one flagon of sweet wine, sent to the Lady de Scales, to Middelton,
ii*s.* ix*d.* paid for one flagon and a quart of red wine, and one flagon of sweet wine and for bread, given to the Lord de Scales when he first came to Lenn,
v*s.* ii*d.* paid for two flagons and one potell of red wine and two flagons of sweet wine, sent to the Lady de Scales, to the Friars Carmelites,
iii*s.* paid for two flagons and one quart of sweet wine, given to the Lord de Scales in the house of Arnulph Tixonye, when the same Lord rode to the King,
ii*s.* iii*d.* ob. paid for two flagons and three pyntes of red wine, sent to the Lord de Scales with certain fishes at another time,
xvi*d.* paid for a flagon of sweet wine called Tire, given to the Lord de Cromwell,
xiiii*d.* paid for a potell of Tire and a potell of wine called Renysshewyn given to the wife of John Twier,
ii*s.* paid for two flagons of red wine, spent in the house of Arnulph Tixonye by the Mayor and the most of his brethren, being there to see a certain play at the Feast of Corpus Christi,
iiii*s.* paid for four flagons of wine, given to the Lord Arundell,
xii*d.* paid for a flagon of red wine, given to Sir William Langestrother knt, Master of Carbroke,

viii*d.* paid for the hire of two horses for John Burbage, to ride to John Fyncham, to speak with him on divers matters of business of the community,

iiii*s.* iiii*d.* paid to the king's minstrels, by way of reward,

xii*d.* paid to the minstrels of the Lord de Scales,

xx*d.* paid to the minstrels of the Lord de Cromewell,

iii*s.* iiii*d.* paid to the minstrels of the Earl of Warwic,

iiii*s.* paid to the minstrels of the Duke of Norfolk,

iiii*s.* paid to the minstrels of the Earl of Warwic,

v*s.* given by way of reward to a certain serjeant-at-arms coming on a message of the Lord King,

iii*s.* iiii*d.* given by way of reward to another of the King's messengers, bringing a letter to the Mayor for provision of wheat,

iii*s.* viii*d.* paid for wine, spent on Sir John Howard knt., in the presence of the Mayor and other honest men of the town,

iiii*d.* paid for the cleaning of the Mayor's sword,

xx*s.* given by way of reward to the Skinners of the town for their labour about the procession at the Feast of Corpus Christi, this year,

iiii*s.* given by way of reward to the sailors of this town on the same day,

vi*s.* viii*d.* paid for one quarter and half-a-quarter of cremesyne velvett for the mayor's sword, and for the making up of the same velvet.

5–6 Edward IV.—Accounts of John Tilly and Richard Colvile, chamberlains &c. the account of expenses comprising the following items,—

xx*d.* for five potells of red wine and xx*d.* for five quarts of sweet wine, spent at Geiwode, when the Mayor assumed his charge for this year,

viii*d.* for a potell of sweet wine, spent when the Mayor and divers of his brethren went round the town, to see the tenements of the community,

iii*s.* paid for three potells of red wine and three potells of sweet wine, given by the Mayor to the Lord de Scales at Middelton, at the Feast "sante Lucie Virginis,"

ii*s.* viii*d.* paid for two flagons of red wine and one flagon of sweet wine, given by the Mayor to the Lord de Cromewell at the Bole.

On the dorse of this roll appears, the Account of William Caus, Mayor of Lenn, for the second year of his mayoralty.

13–14 Edward IV.—Accounts of John Coke bocher, William Edwards, Robert Waryn, and William Coke tiler, chamberlains &c.; the accounts of expenses &c. comprising the following items,—

xxxix*s.* ii*d.* paid to John Burbage, for his expenses at London on the affairs of the community of Lenn in Hilary Term 13 Edw. IV.,

x*ls.* paid for part of the expenses of William Nicholasson and John Burbage on the affairs of the community in Hilary Term 14 Edw. IV.,

xxv*s.* paid "pro uno vase vini del Riene" given by the Mayor to Sir Robert Wyngefeld knt.

v*s.* paid for the carriage of the same wine to Harley where the said knight stays,

xvi*d.* paid for a flagon of sweet wine, sent to the Lord Duke of Suffolk, being in the hospice of 'The Bull.'

(*B*). *Extracts from the Trinity Gild Rolls.*

7–8 Henry IV.—Richard de Thorp one of the Scabins of the Gild Merchant of the Holy Trinity of Bishop's Lenn, from the Feast of the

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Holy Trinity 7 Henry IV. to the same Feast in the following year accounts for,

xxx*s.* received of John Foxe of Castellacre for one stone for tombs sold to him,

xxx*s.* received of Ralph de Mydelton for one stone of a like kind sold to him.

In the same account Thomas Ploket, another of the Scabins for the same year, accounts for,

xxvi*s.* viii*d.* received of the Rector of Fransham Magna for one stone for tombs (pro uno lapide pro tumulis) sold to him.

In the same roll John de Thoresby, another of the Scabins for the same year, accounts for,

xxx*s.* received of the Bailiff of Dodyngton for one stone for tombs sold to him,

xxxiii*s.* iiii*d.* received of Lauren Trussbut for two stones sold to him,

xvi*s.* viii*d.* received of Alan Baret for one stone sold to him,

xix*s.* received of William Baret for one stone sold to him,

xx*s.* received of a certain chaplain of Ely for one stone sold to him,

xix*s.* iiii*d.* received of Nicholas Say of Ely for one stone sold to him,

xix*s.* iiii*d.* received of John Horne of Rydon for one stone sold to him,

xx*s.* received of Walter Todenham for one stone sold to him.

In the same roll, Bartholomew de Cysterne, another of the four Scabins for the same year, accounts for,

xx*s.* received of Robert Salusbury for one stone for tombs sold to him.

9–10 Henry V.—Account of the four Scabins of the Gild Merchant of the Holy Trinity, from the Feast of the Holy Trinity 9 Henry V. to the same Feast in the following year, wherein they account for the following moneys received for admissions of brethren and sisters into the Gild,

c*s.* received of Sir de la Ware for his entrance,

c*s.* received of John Jemynglond clerk, Rector of Stukey, for his entrance,

c*s.* received of John Colyn clerk, vicar of Bynham, for his entrance,

c*s.* received of John Rudland deceased for his entrance,

c*s.* received of John Staunton for his entrance,

vi*s.* viii*d.* received of John Wesenham junior for his entrance by right of his patrimony,

vi*s.* viii*d.* received of William Swanton for his entrance in like manner,

c*s.* received of Richard Franke for his entrance,

c*s.* received of Adam Elsy for his entrance,

c*s.* received of William Cok for his entrance,

c*s.* received of John Coker for his entrance,

c*s.* received of Margaret the wife of William Hunderpound for her entrance to the spiritual benefits of the Gild (pro ingressu suo ad spiritualia beneficia gilde),

c*s.* received of Margaret Galyon for her entrance in like manner,

c*s.* received Agnes the wife of John Salesbury for her entrance in like manner,

c*s.* received of Alice Brunger for her entrance in like manner,

c*s.* received of Margaret the wife of William Cok' for her entrance in like manner,

c*s.* received of Alice the widow of Richard Leechour for her entrance in like manner,

c*s.* received of Katherine late the wiife of Adam White for her entrance in like manner.

c*s*. received of Agnes widow of Hugh Crosse for her entrance in like manner,

c*s*. received of Beatrice May for her entrance in like manner,

c*s*. received of Cristina formerly the wife of John Capenet for her entrance in like manner,

c*s*. received of Joan Fleete for entrance in like manner.

Also the same Scabins, for the same year, account for the following disbursements under the head of 'Constructio Nove Aule,'

xxxv*li*. xv*s*. iii*d*. spent in the wages of divers masons working on the New Hall from the last Feast of the Holy Trinity to the same Feast at the revolution of the year,

xxi*li*. spent in the wages of John Turnour's workmen during the same time.

vi*li*. iiii*s*. iiii*d*. spent in stone "cum monyell" bought in divers parcels for the same work,

viii*li*. xv*s*. iiii*d*. spent in "waltyle" bought for the same work.

xiii*li*. ix*s*. ii*d*. spent in lime bought for the same work, in divers parcels,

xxxviii*s*. spent in sand bought in divers parcels for the same work,

iiii*li*. xix*s*. viii*d*. in iron bought for the same work, with the making thereof,

vi*li*. xvi*s*. x*d*. ob. spent in divers other purchases and charges, for the repair of the same hall at divers times,

xxxiii*li*. v*s*. v*d*. paid to Nicholas Rollesby of Bakton in the county of Suffolk for timber for the said hall and the building of the same hall, as is declared more fully and evidently in the separate account of Philip Franke.

This account is followed in the roll by a list of the debts (*i.e.* moneys due) to the Gild, amounting to £1,213 18*s*. 7*d*. (one thousand two hundred and thirteen pounds, eighteen shillings and seven pence) a list of the articles of plate &c. belonging to the Gild, and a statement of the Gild's stock of mill-stones and other stones.

The noteworthy list of articles of plate &c. gives these particulars,—

1. In the custody of the Alderman remains one cloth of gold (pannus deauratus) for the funerals of the gild,

2. Also there remains in the custody of the same alderman the Register of the Gild, with three bags with the rolls of the accounts of the gild,

3. Also in the custody of the same Alderman one little chest with the treasure of the Gild, of which he has the one key and the Mayor the other,

4. Also there remains there one little chest with the muniments of the gild, together with another chest bound with iron and having a hanging lock,

5. Also there remains in the custody of Nicholas Chesterton the Dean, a wand of silver for the dean's office,

6. Also there remains in the custody of William Spyre a vessel for holy water with a wine-cup of silver, weighing fifty-three ounces 'troie,'

7. Also there remains in the custody of the same William two 'salts' with two little covers of silver, weighing twenty-and-a-half ounces,

8. Also there remains in the custody of the same William one silver-gilt chalice with a cover, weighing fifty-two ounces,

9. Also there remains in the custody of Philip Franke one chalice with a cover of silver and enamelled (una pecia cum cooperculo argenti et anamelat') weighing fifty-one ounces,

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10. Also there remains in the custody of the same Philip one chalice with a cover, of silver and enamelled, weighing forty ounces and half-an-ounce,

11. Also there remains in the custody of the same Philip, one chalice with cover of silver and enamelled, weighing thirty ounces and half-an-ounce,

12. Also there remains in custody a chalice with cover of silver-gilt, weighing twenty-five ounces and half-an-ounce,

13. Also there remains in the custody of William Spyre a silver chalice with cover, weighing eighteen ounces and half-an-ounce, formerly belonging to J. Porter,

14. Also there remains in custody one banner of tapestry (doser) with two pieces of tapestry for laying on benches, powdered with owls and parrots, formerly belonging to the Dean (unum doser ii bancalibus bubonibus et citacis pulverizatis, quondam decani),

15. Also there remains a cup with a cover of silver gilt, weighing thirty-six ounces and half-an-ounce, in the custody of W. Waterden.

To the enquirer, who searches the list of of the several sums of money due to the gild, and compares the list of the gild's debtors with the lists, given in another entry of this report, of the Potentiores, Mediocres and Inferiores of the town, the part played by the gild in the entire community becomes manifest. Members themselves of the gild, the principal persons of the Potentiores could use the recources of the gild for their own necessities, and obtain from its exchequer the aid required by their friends and adherents. Holding office amongst the jurats they used their influence in the gild for sustaining the corporation in the career of financial extravagance that collapsed in a later year of Henry the Fourth's reign. The great Gild Merchant was the chief bank of the community, and so long as it maintained this position its Alderman was the strongest man, and the chiefs of the gild were the most potent of the Potentiores of Bishop's Lenn. Here is the list of gild's debtors at the feast of the Holy Trinity in 10 Henry IV.,

William Style, scabin of the gild,	-	in the gild's debt for	£119	1	10
William Spyre, scabin of the gild,	-	„	„	„	£5	10	3
Philp Franke, scabin of the gild	-	„	„	„	£8	11	3
William Waterden, scabin of the gild		„	„	„	£22	1	8½
John Warner, late scabin of the gild		„	„	„	£84	14	3
Walter Curson, late scabin of the gild		„	„	„	£36	13	5
John Parmonter	- - -	„	„	„	£6	17	2½
John Malpace	- - -	„	„	„	£14	12	10
Bartholomew Systerne	- -	„	„	„	£5	18	1½
John Bucworth	- - -	„	„	„	£12	15	11½
John Bolt	- - - -	„	„	„	£9	0	0
John Spicer	- - -	„	„	„	£4	15	0
Robert Couper	- - -	„	„	„	£1	13	4
John Woode	- - -	„	„	„	£5	0	0
William Baret	- - -	„	„	„	£1	13	4
William Shelton	- - -	„	„	„	£5	0	0
Master S. Baret	- - -	„	„	„	£2	10	0
The Sheriff of Crowmere	- -	„	„	„	£5	0	0
John Wyntworth	- - -	„	„	„	£2	16	8
Richard Brandon (for his wife)	-	„	„	„	£4	0	0
William Paston	- - -	„	„	„	£1	13	3
John Mannyng	- - -	„	„	„	£5	0	0
Thomas Brygge	- - -	„	„	„	£8	0	0

The same	in the gild's debt for	£10	0	0
The same (for the debts of Thoresby, R. Waterden, R. Systerne and P. Franke)	,, ,, ,,	£15	0	0
John Jeve	,, ,, ,,	£1	13	4
John Spycer (for his wife)	,, ,, ,,	£2	10	0
John Wesenham junior	,, ,, ,,	£0	6	8
John Staunton	,, ,, ,,	£5	0	0
Richard Franke	,, ,, ,,	£2	15	0
John Jemynglond clerk, Rector of Stukey	,, ,, ,,	£5	0	0
Adam Elsy	,, ,, ,,	£1	10	0
William Cok	,, ,, ,,	£5	0	0
John Coker	,, ,, ,,	£5	0	0
John Ridland	,, ,, ,,	£2	13	4
Richard Lecchour (for his wife)	,, ,, ,,	£5	0	0
John Copenot	,, ,, ,,	£2	10	0
Hugh Crosse	,, ,, ,,	£3	15	0
Joan Flete	,, ,, ,,	£5	0	0
Adam White (for his wife)	,, ,, ,,	£5	0	0
W. Style (for M. Hounderpound)	,, ,, ,,	£2	10	0
Margareta Galyon	,, ,, ,,	£5	0	0
T. Salesbury (for Agnes his mother)	,, ,, ,,	£2	10	0
Alice Brunger	,, ,, ,,	£5	0	0
W. Erle, James Fitz Nicol, J. Wesenham and S. Festwell (by one obligation)	,, ,, ,,	£30	10	0
The Mayor and chamberlains (by one obligation,	,, ,, ,,	£40	0	0
John Wace, T. Waterden, J. Wyntworth and W. Hunderpound (for the chapel of St. Nicholas)	,, ,, ,,	£20	0	0
T. Brygge, J. Brunham and eight other persons for the church of St. Margaret, by one obligation	,, ,, ,,	£20	0	0
The Mayor and chamberlains (by one obligation)	,, ,, ,,	£10	0	0
The Community of Lenn	,, ,, ,,	£26	13	4
The Community of Lenn	,, ,, ,,	£300	0	0
The Community of Lenn (in respect to R. Botkesham)	,, ,, ,,	£60	0	0
The Community of Lenn (at the coming of King Henry IV. in the time of E. Belleyetere the Mayor)	,, ,, ,,	£58	15	10
The Community of Lenn (for William Waterden and John Curson)	,, ,, ,,	£8	0	0
John Durward	,, ,, ,,	£100	0	0
Robert Botkesham	,, ,, ,,	£6	11	8
T. Ploket, J. Wesenham and their associates for lead for St. Margaret's Church	,, ,, ,,	£0	12	8
T. Worsted, W. Hunderpound, W. Blakeney and R. Burgeys	,, ,, ,,	£25	0	0
The Executors of the will of Henry de Elmham, from the sale of his tenement in Damgate	,, ,, ,,	£1	0	0

Philip Franke, scabin, in moneys delivered to him in respect to his office - - - - in the Gild's debt for £30 0 0

John Systerne, scabin, in moneys delivered to him in respect of his office - - - - „ „ „ £8 10 0

John Systerne, scabin, in moneys delivered to him from the debt of John Malpace - - - „ „ „ £2 13 4

The result of the account being that in addition to the numbered moneys in the Treasury, the Guild has,

	£	s.	d.
(*a.*) In the above-stated divers debts - -	1213	18	7
(*b.*) In millstones of divers sizes - - -	120	0	0
(*c.*) In gravestones and paving-stones - -	34	0	0
	£1367	18	7

10 Henry V. to 1 Henry VI.—Account of John Systerne, William Spyre, Philip Franke and William Waterden, scabins of the Gild of the Holy Trinity, of receipts and disbursements from the Feast of the Holy Trinity, 10 Henry, to the same Feast 1 Henry VI. The account of Receipts comprising :—

m^{l} ccx*li.* iii*s.* viii*d.* ob. of moneys due to the Gild,

xiiii*li.* xiiii*s.* iiii*d.*, from rents of assise and income from the right of a certain ferry,

xlix*li.* iiii*s.* ix*d.*, from farm of houses,

xlix*li.* xii*s.* from sale of millstones,

xxii*li.* ii*s.* from sale of gravestones,

vii*li.* xix*s.* from cranage of merchandise,

l*li.* from admissions of Brethren and Sisters into the Gild: the items under this head comprising (1) c*s.* from William Molle for his entrance after death, (2) c*s.* from Robert Sprot for his entrance after death, (3) c*s.* from Margery Kyrketon for her entrance to the spiritual benefits of the gild after death, and (4) c*s.* from Margery Martyn for entrance in her life.

And the account of disbursements comprising the following items under the head of "Constructio nove aule,"—

xix*li.* iiii*s.* ii*d.* for builders' wages,

vi*li.* iiii*s.* vii*d.* for stones in divers parcels and for their carriage,

x*li.* xi*s.* x*d.* for "thactyle" and "waltyle,"

xxxiii*s.* iiii*d.* for lime,

xxi*s.* x*d.* for sand and the carriage of the same,

ix*li.* xvii*s.* vi*d.* spent in anchors and other things of iron,

lvi*s.* viii*d.* for waynscot,

xiiii*s.* x*d.* paid to Henry Plomer "pro fundacione gutturis,"

x*li.* paid to Thomas Tyler in part payment of his agreement,

xl*s.* paid to Walter Kerver of Castelage for his labour,

ix*li.* ii*s.* x*d.* ob. paid to Peter de Rollesby carpenter and his associates beyond his mere agreement,

xxxv*s.* xi*d.* ob. in diver costs and charges,

In all,—lxxv*li.* iii*s.* vii*d.* ob.

16–17 Henry VI.—The Account of the Scabins of the Gild of the Holy Trinity of Lenn, for this year comprises the following list of jocalia, resting in the Treasury,—

(1.) Silver-gilt chalice with cover, weighing fifty-two ounces,

(2.) Silver chalice with cover, adorned with the image of the Trinity, weighing fifty-one ounces,

(3.) Silver chalice with cover with similar image, weighing fifty-four ounces,

(4.) Silver chalice with cover, made in the shape of a bell, formerly belonging to John Wesenham, weighing twenty-eight ounces,

(5.) Silver chalice with a cover, adorned with leopards, weighing thirty-one ounces,

(6.) Silver chalice with cover, adorned with three angels, late the chattel of Adam Markaunde, weighing twenty ounces,

(7.) Silver chalice with cover, late the property of Thomas Borstede (?), weighing twenty-eight ounces, and three-quarters and half-a-quarter of an ounce,

(8.) A new silver gilt chalice with cover, bought by John Parmenter late Alderman, "que pecia vocatur le Standyng Kowpe," weighing forty-eight and . . . ounces,

(9.) A black . . . with silver-gilt cover, late belonging to Margaret Hunderpounde, weighing twenty-one ounces,

(10.) A black . . . with silver-gilt cover, late belonging to Richard Waterden, weighing eighteen ounces,

(11.) Silver vessel for holy water, weighing thirty-five ounces,

(12.) Silver wine-cup, weighing nineteen ounces and half-an-ounce,

(13.) Two silver wine-cups with covers, weighing twenty ounces and half-an-ounce,

(14.) Fourteen spoons, late belonging to Isabel Waterden, weighing twelve ounces,

(15.) The silver wand for the Dean's office at the Feast of the Holy Trinity.

(C.) *Extracts from the Roll* (8–22 *Richard II.*) *of Enrolments of Wills.*

(1.) The Will (Testament) of Margaret Frenhge, widow:—

In the name of God Amen. On the eleventh of the kalends of May, in the year of the Lord 1352, I, Margaret, formerly the wife of John Frenhge of good memory, make my testament in this manner. In the first place I commend my soul to God Almighty and my body to be buried in the church of St. Margaret of Lenn beside the body of the aforesaid John formerly my man, And I leave forty shillings of silver for the expenses of my funeral, to be done according to the disposition of my executors, And I leave forty shillings of silver for my forgotten tithes to the high altar in the church of St. Margaret aforesaid, and vi*s.* viii*d.* to the fabrick of the same church, also ii*s.* to the fabrick of the chapel of St. James of Lenn, ii*s.* to the fabrick of the chapel of St. Nicholas of Lenn, xii*d.* to the fabrick of the church of All Saints of Lenn, vi*s.* viii*d.* to the Friars of the order of St. Augustine tarrying in Lenn, and vi*s.* viii*d.* to the Friars Preachers there, five marks of silver to the Friars Minors of Lenn for celebrating one anniversary office for my soul and the soul of the aforesaid John de Frenghe formerly my man, and for souls for whom we are bound within the first year after my death, and five marks of silver to the Friars Carmelites of Suthlenn to celebrate in like manner one anniversary office, Also I leave five

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marks of silver to Friar Richard de Depedal of the order of the Carmelites to celebrate one anniversary office for my soul and the aforesaid John my man in the year next after my death if the same Friar Richard be living, Also I leave xii*d.* to the poor people of the Hospice of St. John of Lenn, also xii*d.* to the hospice of lepers of St. Mary Magdalen on the calcetum (causeway), also xii*d.* to the lepers of Herdewyke, and xii*d.* to the the lepers of Cougate. Also I leave to my daughter Elen and the heirs lawfully issuing of her body all that tenement with its buildings and appurtenances in the burgh of Lenn which from ancient time is called Palmerstede, lying between the tenement formerly of Alan de Lindesey on the west and the tenement of Robert le Countour on the east which extends itself with the common flete which is called Pufflet towards the south even to the common gutter of Lenn northwards, to be held of the chief Lord of the fee for the sum pertaining to the said tenement, And if the said Elen shall die without an heir lawfully issuing of her body, then I will that the whole of the aforesaid tenement with all its buildings and appurtenances be sold by my and her executors, a yearly rent of twenty shillings being reserved therefrom to my daughter Margaret, a nun of Blakeburgh, for all her life, to be yearly received of the said tenement for her necessities, according to the tenor of a certain writing made respecting the same to the same Margaret and signed with my seal, And I leave all the money raised from the tenement thus sold to be spent, for my soul and the soul of the aforesaid John my man and the soul of the aforesaid Elen and the souls to which we are bound, in the celebration of masses, distribution for the relief of the poor and other works of charity to be done in the town of Lenn at the discretion and disposition of my executors and the executors of the said Elen, Also I leave all that tenement with its edifices and appurtenances in the town of Lenn, opposite to the Friars of the order of St. Augustine of Lenn, which lies between the tenement of Ralph Ferrour on the north and the tenement formerly belonging to William Whetacre and the tenement formerly belonging to Roger Wyth and the tenement of the heirs of Thomas de Sadilbowe on the south, and lies along the common way called Listeresgate from the tenement formerly belonging to William de Whetacre and Simon Burel eastward even to the tenement formerly belonging to Robert de Bouden and the land formerly belonging to Godfrey Fraunces on the west, to be sold by my executors for the payment of my debts and fulfilment of this my present will, Also I leave thirteen shillings and four pence of yearly rent, to be received annually to my daughter Elen for the whole term of her life, together with the reliefs escheats homages and all other its appurtenances of all that tenement, which formerly belonging to John Merlawe and lies at Cresmarkete between the tenement of John Cokesforde on the south and the tenement formerly belonging to Robert de Bougham on the north, and extends itself along the king's common way eastward even to the common gutter westward, to whosesoever hands the aforesaid tenement with its appurtenances shall come, and I will that after the death of the aforesaid Elen the yearly rent of thirteen shillings and four pence together with the reliefs escheats homages and all its appurtenances be sold by my executors and that the money thence coming be distributed by my executors, for the soul of Walter de . . . . and for the soul of his wife Agnes and for the souls to which we are bound, in the celebration of masses and relief of the poor and other works of charity, Also I leave to my daughter Elen ten marks of silver and also one sistern and all my vessels and utensils of lead iron and wood within that tenement, formerly belonging to John Frenghe

my man, being in Stokfishrewe, and one brass pot of four flagons, and two brass plates for melting, and a plate for friture, and a vessel for washing linen, and a grain-measure, and a hanging vessel for washing linen, And I leave forty shillings to my maid servant Beatrice, Also I leave xii*d.* to each holy nun in Blakeburgh, Also I leave xx*s.* to my daughter Margery a nun of Blakeburgh, Also I leave to my daughter Elen and her heirs and assigns one moiety of a messuage formerly belonging to my father at the chapel of St. James with all its appurtenances as it lies in length and breadth, Also I leave the residue of my goods, my debts being fully paid and the execution of this will being altogether fulfilled, to be expended for my soul and for the soul of John de Frenghe my man, and for the souls to whom we are bound, in celebrations of masses and the relief of the poor and other works of charity, at the disposition and discretion of my executors as they shall see best to hasten the same to the aid and health of my soul. Moreover I appoint my executors, viz. Robert Braunche, Henry de Estderham chaplain, and Stephen Cock of Tilney and I leave xx*s.* to each of them. Dated at Lenn on the day and year abovesaid.

On the fifth of the Ides of June in the year of our Lord one thousand three hundred and fifty-two, the present will was proved before us the Venerable Father Lord William by God's grace bishop of Norwich in the liberty of the jurisdiction of the Official of the town of Lenn, and administration of all goods touching the said testament was committed to Henry de Estderham chaplain and Stephen Kokes de Tilneye the executors named in due form in the said will, Power being reserved to us to grant administration of all goods touching the same will to Robert Braunche, when he shall come and wish to undertake the charge of the administration. In testimony of which thing we have put to these presents the seal which we use in our office. Dated on the day and in the place and year above said.

And we John Waryn, Mayor of the town of Lenn, on the twenty-third day of the month of June in the eighth year of the reign of King Richard after the conquest the Second, proclamation of this testament having made many times, and the same testament having been proved before us and our community according to the law and custom of the aforesaid town, in the ways and manner agreed upon in respect to the tenements and rents bequeathed in the said testament, no one in this matter contradicting nor reclaiming, we ratify and approve the same testament, signed with the appendant seal which we use in the office of our Mayoralty and enrolled in the rolls of testaments of the Guildhall.

(2.) The Will (testament) of John de Grantham, Burgess of Lenn. In God's name Amen. On the day of Mars in the vigil of the Exaltation of the Sacred Cross, in the year of the Lord one thousand three hundred and eighty-four, I John de Grantham, Burgess of Lenn, of my sane purpose and composed mind, make my will in this manner. In the first place, I recommend my soul to God Almighty, the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the Saints, and leave my body to be buried in the parish churchyard of St. Margaret of Lenn aforesaid,—Also I leave xl*s.* as well for my forgotten tithes as for my offerings to the High Altar of the same church,—Also I leave iii*s.* iiii*d.* to the fabrick of the same church,—Also I leave ii*s.* to the fabrick of the church of St. James of the same town of Lenn,—Also I leave ii*s.* to the fabrick of the church of St. Nicholas of the same town of Lenn,—Also I leave xl*s.* to the convent of the Friars Carmelites of South Lenn,—Also I leave iii*s.* iiii*d.* to each of the other convents of the orders of Mendicant Friars of Lenn,—Also I leave vi*s.* viii*d.* to the convent of the nuns of Shouldham,—Also I leave vi*s.* viii*d.* to the nuns of Blakeburgh,—Also I leave vi*s.* viii*d.* to

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the nuns of Crabhouse,—Also I leave iiis. iiiid. to each house of the seven houses of lepers about Lenn,—Also I leave to my son John "unam mappa', unam tuall', unam pelvem" with a vessel for washing clothes in, xii silver spoons, two silver cups with the two covers one of which is wrought to the fashion of a chalice, and the other of which I bought of Thomas de Honton,—Also I leave to my same son John "ii len'os integros, i archam et totam armaturam meam cujuscunque generis seu operis fuerit," and if it shall happen he shall die before receiving the said goods bequeathed to him by me, I will the same goods to be sold my executors, and I leave the money coming therefrom to be expended at the disposition of my executors in works of charity and alms for my soul and the souls to which I am bound and of the said John and all who have died in the faith,—Also I leave xxs. to Thomas Baret,—Also I leave xiiis. iiiid. to Richard son of Geoffrey de Frangham and xs. to each of the three brothers of the same Richard,—Also I leave xxs. to Katherine the daughter of Thomas Drewe,—Also I leave all that my tenement with its appurtenances in Bishop's Lenn, lying between the north angle of the lane which leads to Wyngate, formerly belonging to Laurence Keppes, to be sold by my executors, and the money coming therefrom I bequeath and assign to pay my debts and funeral expenses, and then to works of piety and alms at the disposition of my executors for my soul and the soul of Isabella long since my wife and the souls to whom I am bound and the souls of all who died in the faith. Moreover I leave the residue of all my worldly goods wholly (integraliter) to my wife Matilda. Of this my testament I constitute my executors Geoffrey de Frangham, Thomas Drewe and John Lokes burgesses of Lenn aforesaid, and I leave xxs. to each of them for his labour. In testimony of which thing I have put my seal to the present testament.—Dated &c.

This will was proved before us the Official of the Liberty of the town of Bishop's Lenn on the second day of the month of October in the year of Lord one thousand three hundred and eighty-four. And administration of all goods touching the said will was given to the executor named in the said will, sworn in lawful form. In testimony of which thing we have put to these presents the seal of our office. Dated &c.

And we Thomas de Conteshale, Mayor of the town of Lenn on 22 January 1387 A.D., proclamation having been made and this will proved according to the law and custom of the town of Lenn aforesaid, in the ways and manners agreed upon, no one in this matter opposing, we ratify and approve the present testament, signed with the pendent seal which we use in the office of the mayoralty, and enrolled in the Rolls of Testaments of Lenn aforesaid.

In connection with this Wills Roll (8-22 Ric. II.), mention may be here made of a collection of fourteen wills (with probate), viz.: of Richard de Geyton, burgess of Bishop's Lenn, dated 1276 A.D.; of Robert Langham, burgess of Lenn, proved 1313 A.D.; of . . . . de Keteliston, burgess of Lenn, widow; of John de Lenn mercer, burgess of Lenn, proved 1372 A.D.; of Margaret Grym of Lenn widow, proved 1375 A.D.; of John Wace, burgess of Lenn, proved 1399 A.D.; of William Bechecroft, dated at Methwold 1421 A.D.; of Robert Salesbury, burgess of Lenn, dated 1429 A.D.; of William Silisden, burgess of Lenn, proved 1430 A.D.; of Gilbert Watson, burgess of Lenn, proved 1479 A.D.; of Thomas Dawson of Lenn, proved 1539 A.D.; of William Plane, of Lenn yoman, proved 1582 A.D.; of John Turner of King's Lynn, proved 1744 A.D.; and of Ann Barsham of King's Lynn, widow, proved 1751 A.D.

(D.) *Extracts from the Corpus Christi Rolls.*

1–2 Henry IV.—Roll of the Accounts of Thomas Ploket and Thomas Trussebut, treasurers of the Corpus Christi Gild from the Feast of Corpus Christi in the first year of Henry the Fourth to the same Feast in the following year; accounting for moneys received to the amount of xlv*li.* xix*s.* iii*d.* ob., one item of the receipt being

"xiii*s.* iiii*d.* received of Thomas Outelawe for the right of a little ferry-boat,"

Whilst under the heading of "Entrances of brethren, with gifts to the Gild" appear these entries,

c*s.* from the entrance of John Marche into the aforesaid society,

c*s.* from the entrance of William Hunderpound into the aforesaid society,

c*s.* from John Wynteworth, John Kempe and Simon Kemp, granted for the soul of John Kemp.

Comprising payments to the chaplain of the gild, charges for the maintenance of light "circa herciam" in accordance with the society's agreement with John Chandeler, a payment of cliii*s.* iiii*d.* for a single piece of wax weigh ccc. i*qa.* vii*lb.*, a payment of xv*s.* v*d.* for the making of xxxv torches of the same wax, and a payment of xi*s.* to divers "ministrallis ministrum facientibus" at the Feast of Corpus Christi, the disbursements give the following items of the costs and charges of the great yearly celebration of the gild,

xii*d.* to the Sacristan of St. Margaret's Church "pro pulsatione in dicto festo,"

iii*s.* iiii*d.* to the clerks of the same church for their labour in chaunting at the same feast, and

ciii*s.* ii*d.* for the bread, ale, red wine and white wine, capons, pullets, fish, flesh, spices and cooks' labour for the feast.

(*d.*) *Miscellaneous Writings, viz. Deeds of Gift, Acknowledgments, Agreements, Memoranda, &c.*

——, ——. Grant for ever, in perpetual almoign, by Robert the son of Anger de Rysing to the Hospital of St. Mary Magdalen on the calcetum between Gaywode and Lenn, and to the brethren serving or hereafter to serve God there, of twenty denarates of annual rent, to be had yearly of certain land in the Damgate of Lenn; the grant being made for the welfare of the donor's soul and of the souls of his father and mother. Witnessed by James de Beluaco then Mayor of Lenn, Richard Lamberd then alderman, William Wygeyn then steward, Robert de London, John Constentin, William le Palmer, Simon de Myntling, William le cronur, Geoffrey the dyer, Symon le lanedielman, Thurstan Erl, Eborard the tanner, Geoffrey the glover.—No date: but James de Beauveys was Mayor of Lenn 55–6 Henry III.

——, ——. Charter of Grant and Confirmation, by Matilda the daughter of Richard Chine, in her free power and widowhood, to God and the Blessed Mary Magdalen on the calcetum between Lenn and Geywde and the brethren serving or hereafter to serve God there. in respect to all those lands which Richard Goche, her man, gave to them and by his charter confirmed to them; the present charter of gift and confirmation being made by the said Matilda, in consideration of sixty shillings sterling, paid to her by the said Brethren. Witnessed by Robert the Mayor, Roger de Well', Michael Beauueys, Peter the son of Siric, Peter Godlam, Symon Forwen, William the son of Peter, Adam

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de G'nemne, Ralph de Libertye(?), John Kelloc, Robert the son of John de Geywde, Albert de Geywde, Geoffrey the son of . . . . , Master Alexander and others.—No date: but Robert de London was Mayor of Lenn 56 Henry III.

——, ——. Know all men present and to come. That I Alice formerly the wife of Eudo Arsic in my proper widowhood have given and granted and by this my present charter have confirmed to God, the hospital of St. Mary Magdalen on the calcetum between Lenn and Geywde and to the brethren serving and in time to come about to serve God there, for the welfare of my soul and the souls of my ancestors and of all who died in the faith, in pure and perpetual almoign, free and quit of all secular service, twenty and one acres and one rood of land in the Fields of Dunham, that is to say, seven acres of land in Wlnothesdele lying between the land of Roland of Kemestun towards the west and the land of Mabel formerly the wife of John Put towards the east, and abutting on the King's way towards the north, and seven acres lying between the land of John the priest of Thyrsford and the King's way, and one acre of land which Simon the priest of Dunham held towards Lekesham near the King's way at Simundespit whether it be computed more or less, and one acre of land which was formerly of William the son of Roger of Dunham, lying between the land of John the son of Robert and the said land which was of the said Symon the priest of Dunham, and two acres of land lying between the way which is called Strategate and the land of Gilebert Trig, and abutting on the land of John the son of Robert de Estlekesham, and two acres and half an acre of land which Richard de Spinei held, and three perches of land which Reynciris Hoche formerly held, lying between the land of Heltwise de Dunham and the land of William the clerk of Kemestun, And besides one fold of two hundred and fifty sheep to have and put in the same land and in the common pasture of Dunham to have common with my sheep. And I the said Alice an my heirs will for ever warrant this pure and perpetual almoign of all the aforesaid land free and quit in all things to God and the said hospital of St. Mary Magdalen, and the brethren serving or hereafter to serve God there against all people whatever may happen. In testimony of this thing I have to this charter put the impression of my seal. These being witnesses, John the son of Alexander of Dunham, William the son of the Knight of Westlekesham, Alan Ruffo, William Tyvi, Alan de Rokeshale in Pagraue, Alan the son of Philip of Pagraue, William the son of Robert of Pagraue, Richard Le Rus, Roger Le Strange de Fraweth, Gilbert of the other Fraweth, Godefrey the son of the Knight of Fraweth, William de Laye in Fraweth, Koneyn de Stowe and others. No date.

——, ——. Grant for ever, in pure and perpetual almoign, by Nicholas the son of William Thurvor of Ridun, to God and the Blessed Mary Magdalen upon the calcetum between Len and Geywde and to the brethren serving and hereafter to serve God there, of six denarates of annual rent to be had yearly of certain perches of land, described in the charter: the grant being made for the welfare of the grantor's soul and for the souls of his ancestors and "successors;" and it being expressed that the gift is quit "ab omnibus serviciis secularibus et demandis scicut aliqua elemosina potest dari . . . . alicui domui religionis." Witnessed by Gilbert the Mayor of Lenn, Bartholomew de Beu'o, Roger de Boylund, Nicholas the son of William de Lenn, John de Bedeford, Hernic Wein de Clencwartun, John the son of Alexander, and his brother Alan. No date.

——, ——. Grant, in perpetual almoign, by John de Kirtlinge the son of Alan de Kirtlinge, to God and the church (Deo et ecclesie)

of the Blessed Mary Magdalen on the calcetum between Lenn and Geywde, of certain homage and service, that is to say, of twenty-two denarates of annual rent, arising from certain land in Ridun and Gangham; the grant being made for the welfare of the grantor's soul, and of the souls of his ancestors and successors, and it being expressed that the gift is quit of all secular services and demands "sicut aliqua elemosina potest dari melius ac liberius eidem domui vel alicui domui religionis"; the concession being moreover accompanied with an engagement that the grantor and his heirs will warrant and defend "prenominatum homagium et servicium prenominate ecclesie et fratribus ibidem deo servientibus et servituris contra omnes homines." Witnessed by Robert de Gnefeld then the chaplain ministering there, Anger de Risinge, William de Gangham, Simon Bonet, Roger de Ridun, Roger and Simon the sons of Alan, Geoffrey de Tilneye, Nicholas the son of the priest (fil' sacerdotis), Roger Dunet, John de Gunetorp the clerk, Richard the clerk son of Alan the chaplain of Len, Simon Frewen, and many others. No date.

——, ——. Grant by Eudo Arsic to the Friars of Geywde.—Know all men, present and to come, That I Eudo Arsic have granted and given and by this my charter have confirmed to God and St. Mary Magdalen on the calcetum between Lenn and Geywde, and to the brethren serving God there and to the brethren who shall serve God there in time to come, for the health of my soul and my ancestor's souls, and for the health of the soul of my wife Alice and of the souls of her ancestors in pure and perpetual almoign, free and quit of all secular service, sixteen acres of land lying in the field of Dunham, that is to say, seven acres of land in Wlnoresdele, between the land of Roland de Kemeston towards the west, and the land of Mabel formerly the wife of John Put towards the east, and abutting on the high way towards the north; and seven acres of land lying in its length between the land of John the priest of Thirsforde and the king's way, and abutting towards the west on the land of John the son of Robert, and towards the east on the land of the said Eudo Arsic; and one acre of land which Symon the priest of Dunham held towards Lechesham near the King's way at Lymundspa, whether it be computed at more or less; and one acre of land, formerly of William the son of Roger de Dunham, lying between the land of John the son of Robert, and the aforesaid land that was of the said Symon the priest. And besides I have granted and given to the aforesaid Brethren a fold of two hundred and fifty sheep, to have and put them in the same land and in the common pasture of Dunham to have commonage with our sheep. Moreover also, I Eudo Arsic and my heirs will warrant the aforesaid tenement and the aforesaid fold, together with the aforesaid pasture, to the brethren against all men for ever. These being witnesses, John de Dunham, Richard le rus, Symon de Keruinge, Nicholas the parson of Westlechesham, Jordan the parson of Dunham, Thomas Edeline, John de Oxewic, Robert the Mayor of Lenn, Roger Godlam, his brother Peter, William Saphir, Peter the son of Siric, Master Alexander, and others. No date.

——, ——. Grant by Laurance Utlator of Lenn, to God and to the hospital of Len, and to the sick brethren serving God there (et fratribus infirmis ibidem deo servientibus) of a penny, to be had yearly of his purse on Michaelmas day throughout his life, the said grant being made for the welfare of the souls of the grantor, his parents and his benefactors: With further concession and provision that, after the grantor's death, the hospital and sick brethren serving God therein shall receive annually for ever the yearly rent of one penny, which Peter Strac and

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his heirs are bound to render the grantor and his assigns in perpetuity, from a certain four-feet breadth of land lying in the Damgate between the grantor's land and the said Peter's land. Witnessed by Sir Robert mayor of Lenn, Ralph Kelloc, Adam de G'nemitta, William the clerk de G'nemitta, Robert the son of David, Richard de Brecha, William the son of Aell'd, John de Geywdia, Michael de Beaw, Yvon de Lincoln, William the son of Richard, John the son of A'stin', and many others, No date.

——, ——. Grant by Geoffry, the son of Peter, the son of John, the son of Swith of Len, of two denarates of rent yearly to be received of Ailled Mader and his heirs, from the chief messuage of the said Ailled, to God and the Hospital of St. Mary Magdalene on the calcetum between Len and Geywde and to the brethren who serve or shall serve God there. Witnessed by William de . . . . , Gilbert the son of Warin. John de Bedeford, Edmund de Walsingeham, John de Koltone, Geoffrey de Sleford, Odo the tanner, Thomas Coleuile, Peter de Leie clerk, Vincent the clerk and others. No date.

——, ——. Grant for ever, by Margaret the daughter of Alexander of London to God and the church of St. Mary Magdalen on the calcetum between Lenn and Geywde and to the brethren serving God there, for the health of her soul and of her father's soul, and of the souls of all who have died in the faith, of—(1) the homage of Robert the son of Henry de Wis and a service of six shillings and eight pence yearly to be received at the Feast of St. Margaret, as the charter which the aforesaid brethren have of the grantor's mother Cecilia testifies; (2) the homage of Augustine the son of Orrich' de Clenchwarton and a service of forty pence; (3) the homage of William Scot de Tiln', and a service of twelve pence in like manner to be had at the Feast of St. Margaret, as the charter, which the aforesaid Brothers have of the grantor's aforesaid mother Cecilia, bears witness. Witnessed by Adam de Guntune, Peter the son of Sirie, Ralph Roman', John de Bedeford, Geoffrey de Lincoln, Robert de Walton, his nephew Walter, Fulk de Grimeston, John Kelloc, William de Parisio, William de Swafham, John de Clinch-Wardton, Alexander the Clerk, and others. No date.

——, ——. Deed of Gift and conveyance for ever, at a yearly rent to her and her heirs for ever of one half-penny, of all her right in a certain ferry-boat at Lenn Ferry (in una nave transvectrici in passagio aque Lenn), which her father Symon de Waynfleth had in marriage with her mother Matilda, by Clarice (daughter of aforesaid Symon), in her widowhood and free power, to Geoffrey de Welle and his heirs and assigns for ever: the said grant being made in consideration of a payment of two marks sterling. Witnessed by Leman de Horningtoft, John Godewyn, Adam Koket and others. No date.

——, ——. Grant in fee-farm for ever, at a yearly rent of eight pence, of two acres of arable land in the marsh of Ghewnd, called Saltushill and lying between Cotehill and the land of Adam de Gernemuth, by Simon, the parson of half of the church of Sk'ningham, to Peter the Chaplain, Master of the house of lepers of the Holy Mary Magdalen of Lenn, and to his successors being Masters of the same house; the grant being made "pro homagio suo quod michi fecit de feudo et pro tribus marcis Argenti quas michi dedit in gersuma." Witnessed by Gilbert de Hawesham, Adam de Gernemuth, Simon the son of Robert of Sk'ningham, John de Badhele, John de Monte Acuto, Geoffrey the Chaplain de Ghewnd, Robert the son of John, Ralph the Clerk, Geoffrey de Hagheclose, Peter the son of . . . . , Nicholas the son of William, Richard the son of Goce. No date.

——, 14 Edward I. Deed of Gift and conveyance in fee-farm for ever, at a yearly rent of a clove to the grantors and their heirs &c., of a certain ferry boat at Lenn ferry (unam navem transvectricem in passagio aque Lenne que vocatur ferye) with all the liberty pertaining to the same vessel, by Philip Peyteuyn of West-Lenn and his wife Agnes to John Ode burgess of Lenn, his heirs and assigns: the said grant being made in consideration of a payment of forty marks of silver. Witnessed by Adam de St. Edmund then Mayor of Lenn, William de Lindeseye, John de St. Omer, Alan de Lindeseye, John de Yspania, Thomas Cholle, Thomas Euerard de Northlenn, John le feryer, Thomas son of Geoffrey de Wells of Westlenne, Absalone de Leuerington, John the clerk and others. Dated at Lenn on St. Martin's day.

——, 25 Edward I. Deed of Gift and conveyance of all his right in the ferry-boat of Lenn ferry (formerly belonging to Symon de Waynfleth burgess of Lenn), with the liberty and all things pertaining to the same vessel, by John Costantyn burgess of Lenn to John Quytlock comburgess of the same town and to his wife Isabel and their heirs and assigns: the said grant being made in consideration of a certain payment of silver. Witnessed by Hugh de Massingham then Mayor of Lenn, Thomas de Grangia then Steward, and others named or unnamed. Dated at Lenn, at the Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary.

——, 26 Edward I. Deed of Gift and conveyance, made in consideration of a payment of silver, by John Ode burgess of Lenn of his ferry-boat at Lenn ferry (navem meam transvectricem in aqua Lenne que vocatur ferye cum pertinenciis et libertate predicte navi pertinentibus et totum jus dicte navis et libertatis sue quod fuit quondam Willelmi filii Godwin Anger de Lenn) to John de Welle comburgess of Lenn and his heirs and assigns for ever. Witnessed by Hugh de Massingham then Mayor of Lenn, Peter de Thrunden, John de Yspania, John de St. Omer, his son Lambert, Alan de Lindeseye, Geoffrey Drewe, Ralph le Paumer, Richard de Munby, Thomas de Waynflet, John de Acre, John de Bauseye the clerk and others.

——, April 1301. Deed of Grant by Robert de Scales, Lord of Midilton, (made for the health of his soul, and the soul of his wife Isabella, and the souls of their children and ancestors) to the Friars Minors of Lenn, of the use for ever of a certain spring-head in the donor's lordship of Dungeton, at a place called Herdewyk . . . . . Welle, So that the said Friars of Lenn or others in their behalf may, so often as it may seem expedient to them, search and dig at the said springhead and put down all things necessary for leading water from the same spring to their house at Lenn.

— June, 1 Edward II.—Indenture of an Agreement, made between John by God's grace Bishop of Norwich of the one part, and the Mayor and community of his town of Lenn of the other part, whereby the said bishop granted for himself and his successors warranty, acquittance and defence against all people for ever to the said Mayor and community, in respect to a certain place in the bishop's ground on the north of the said town, held by them of the said bishop and his successors at a yearly rent of twelve pence, in which place a certain "inclusa" or basin for water has been put by the same Mayor and community. Dated at Gaywode.

— October, 3 Edward II.—Copy of the composition made in October 3 Edward II. between John by God's grace Bishop of Norwich of the one part and the Mayor and the Community of the town of Lenn on the other part, for the settlement of divers contentions between them,

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containing this clause touching the liberty of Inhabitants of the said burgh :—"The Meyre also and the comonalte of the forsed town of no man willing in the same towne of Lynne to inhabite hymself and dwelle as for his inhabiting and dwellyng no thyng violently shul aske or take or for the same colour or title resceyve for hit that expressly agens the liberte and the lordship of the Bishop be fore seyd but ȝif it be as that any man in the same towne abyde a year and ther yn aftirward as a mansyfe wol dwelle and abide so that afterward he may not be classed no straunge man and thanne aftirward to his power as other of the towne to alle profytes and skileful thynges of reson and helpynges that owe to be do of reson to the comonalte of Lenne they shal ȝyve so that for his inhabitying and dwellyng of no man ther shal no thyng be take on no manere wyse;" and this clause respecting immoderate tallages, "The Meyr also and comonalte befor seid have graunted that all taskes and tallyages unleeful and unresonable grevous which that by the grete men of the towne aforesaid upon the mene peple and the povere to their oppression and hyndryng ofte tyme they have be putte upon and by grevous distressyng so vyolently of hem take with owte cause and depauperacion gretly of the towne fro hens forward it shal no more be do but whan profite or nede aske it resonably and mesurably it should be do and hove suche contribuciouns redyly after the faculte myght and power of every man with owte any excepcioun of any persone."—Also on the same parchment a copy of the composition made 11 August 7 Henry IV., between Henry by God's grace Bishop of Norwich of the one part and the Mayor burgesses and community of Bishop's Lenn of the other part, for the determination and settlement of contentions between them.

— 7 Edward II. Certificate that at an Assembly held in the Gildhall of Bishop's Lenn, for making provision in respect to all business touching the community in the King's parliament and elsewhere, authority was given to twenty-six persons, some of whose names are imperfectly legible on the parchment, to elect twelve of the more sufficient of the said town for the said matter; that the persons chosen by the committee were Lambert de St. Omer, John de Thornbegg', Adam de Berwik, William de Sculton, Robert Faukes, John de Thorndeyn, William Wimark, John Burghard, Robert de Walshingham, John de Bukworth, Peter de Elingham, Walter de . . ., and Thomas de Pulham; and that the said *thirteen* persons had warranty under the common seal that whatever they should determine should be deemed good and be adhered to; and that the whole community concurred in all the aforesaid matters.—It is noteworthy that though appointed to choose twelve persons, the committee of twenty-six made choice of thirteen individuals, the thirteenth perhaps being perhaps elected and appointed to give a casting-vote, in case the twelve should be equally divided on any matter.

7 Edward II.—Deed of Gift and conveyance of the ferry-boat, which he bought of John Costantyn, together with all liberty and things pertaining to the same vessel, by John Quitlock burgess of Lenn to John de Sissewelle of the parish of St. Peter of Lenn. Dated at Bishop's Lenn on Wednesday in the week of the Passover. Also, a series of Grants or deeds of Quitclaim in respect to the ferry-boat and its rights at the passage of the Lenn water, dated respectively in 11, 15, and 18 Edward II.; 4 and 23 Edward III.; and 3 Richard II.

5 November, 9 Edward II.—As sages hommes e as chers amiz Johan de Thornech Merre de Lenne e as burgess de meismes la Ville Robert de Monthaut seneschal de Cestre saluz e totes e cheres amistez. Chers Amiz e purceo q' vous maues mande q' les deners q' me saunt duwes

au paier ore a la feste des touz seintz derrein passe ne sount pas uncore levez par la resoun des grevaunces e destourbances q' vous aves, Sachiez chers amiz q' de vostre grevaunce me peisse malement, et si ieo vous purrie eser ou alleger de vestre grevaunce jeo le ferraie molt bonement, mes certeinement chere amis jeo sui ore entiel meschief de deners qil vent q' ieo . . . . par quei vous pri chers amis q' vous me facez avoir mes deners au plus enhaste q' vous purrez qar certeinement ieo ne les pus plus longement desporter q' mout me peise. Et endroit del damage q' fu et fait a mon baillif, mavez vous maunde q' les parties sount accordez, Sachiez q' coment q' la pease soit faite par entre eux, le despit fait a moi nest pas redress, par quei vous pri chers Seignours q' dentre vous voillez ordiner q' les amendes me soient faites del despit avaundit. A die chers amiz q' vous doint bone vie e longe. Escrit an Shouldh' le v jour de Novembre.

Running in English thus,—

To the prudent men and our dear friends John de Thornech mayor of Lenne and to the burgesses of the same town, Robert de Monthaut Steward of Chester, health and all good and dear friendship:—Dear Friends, whereas you have sent me word that the moneys which were presently due at the Feast of All Saints last past are not yet levied on account of the troubles and disturbances you have had, Know dear friends that I am surely concerned for your trouble, and if I could give you ease or alleviation of your trouble I would do it most readily, but assuredly dear friends I am at present in such misfortune of money that . . . . wherefore I pray you my dear friends that you put me in possession of my moneys as speedily as you can, since of a truth I can no longer dispense with them, which much troubles me. And with respect to the wrong that was done to my bailiff, you have sent me word that the parties are in agreement, Know you that though peace be made between them, the contempt done to me is not redressed, wherefore I pray you dear Sirs that you will take order amongst yourselves that amends may be made to me for the aforsaid contempt. Adieu dear friends! May he give you happy and long life! Written at Shouldham the 5th day of November.

At the places indicated by points in this translation of a curiously courteous demand for money and amends, contain words of the French epistle have been effaced from the parchment.

—— 10 Edward II. Writing of acknowledgment and acquittance, by Robert de Monthaut, Steward of Chester, for £173. 6*s*. 8*d*. paid him by the Mayor and community of Lenn in part payment of £4000, which the said Robert de Monthaut and his wife Emma recovered against the same Mayor and community in the King's Court, before the Justices of the Bench in Easter Term 7 Edward II., of which £173. 6*s*. 8*d*. one hundred pounds were in payment of £100 due at the Easter next following the completion of this letter, and the other £73. 6*s*. 8*d*. were due at the Feast of All Saints next following the said Feast of Easter. Dated at Quorndon.

—— 12 Edward II. Writing of Acknowledgment and acquittance, by Robert de Monthaut, Steward of Chester, for 40 marks sterling, paid him by the Mayor and community of Lenn, in part payment of the 4,000*l*., which the said Lord and his wife Emma recovered against the same Mayor and Community in the King's court before the Justices of the Bench. Dated at Euerwyk on Saturday next after the Feast of St. Andrew.

19 May, 12 Edward II. Writing of acknowledgment and acquittance, whereby Robert de Monthaut, Steward of Chester, acknowledged him-

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self to have received from the Mayor and community of Lenne 20*l.*, in part payment of the 4,000*l.* sterling, which he and his wife Emma recovered before the Justices of the Bench at Westminster in the 7th year of Edward II., against the said Mayor and community, "del terme de touz seintz proschein avenir apres la . . . . de cest escrit, sicom plus pleinement est contenu en un escrit endente fait pentre nous." Dated at Lenn.

— January 13, Edward II. Deed (Latin) of Acknowledgment and acquittance. Be it known to all men by these presents, that we, Frater Johannes by God's permission Bishop of Norwich have received of Lambert de St. Omer and our other burgesses of Lenn thirty-and-two pounds and eleven shillings of silver, of the one hundred and forty pounds in which they were bound to us for certain amercements "p' sum' scacarii d'n'i regis," in which they were amerced before Ralph de Monte Hermeri and his associates the Lord King's Justices of Oyer and Terminer in the county of Norfolk, for the trespass of done to Robert de Montalt; And which hundred and forty pounds we pardon the same Lambert and the rest of our burgesses of Lenn, who were amerced before same Justices for the said transgression, the [remaining] one hundred and seven pounds and nine shillings of silver. Dated "apud Geywode viii. Idus Jannarii."

—— 14 Edward II. Writing of Acknowledgment and acquittance, by Robert de Monthaut, for £13. 10*s.* 4*d.* paid him by the Mayor and Community of Lenn, in part payment of the 4,000*l.*, which he and his wife Emma recovered against the same Mayor and community in the King's Court before the Justices of the Bench at Westminster, in the Easter Term of 17 Edward II.: the said sum of £13. 10*s.* 4*d.* being part of the 50*l.* which the same Mayor and community ought to have paid the said Robert at the term of All Saints last past. Dated at Lenn, on Saturday next before the Nativity of our Lord.

—— 14 Edward II. Writing of Acknowledgment and acquittance by Robert de Menthaut, Steward of Chester, for £7 3*s.* 0*d.* paid him by the Mayor and community of Lenne, in part payment of the 50*l.*, which the same Mayor and community are bound to pay him at the next Feast of All Saints, of the debt of 4,000*l.* which he and his wife Emma recovered against the same Mayor and community in the King's Court at Westminster before the Justices of the Bench in Easter Term 7 Edward II. Dated at Lenne on Tuesday next following the feast of our Lady's Assumption.

—— 14 Edward II. Writing of Acknowledgment and acquittance, by Robert de Monthaut, Steward of Chester, for ten pounds of silver from the Mayor and community of Lenn, in part payment of the 50*l.*, which the said Mayor and community were bound to pay him at the Feast of All Saints 14 Edward II., of the debt of 4,000*l.* which the said Robert and his wife Emma recovered against the said Mayor and community in the King's Court at Westminster before the Justices of the Bench in Easter Term 7 Edward II.—Dated at London on St. Martyn's.

5 August, 15 Edward II. Writing of Acknowledgment and acquittance by Robert Monthaut, Steward of Chester, for £15 6*s.* 8*d.*, paid him by the Mayor and community, in part payment of the 4,000*l.* which he and his wife Emma recovered against the same Mayor and community at Westminster before the Justices of the Bench; the said £15 6*s.* 8*d.* being in part payment of £50, due at the next Feast of

All Saints in part payment of the same 4,000*l.* Dated at the Chastel de Rysinge.

2 December, 15 Edward II. Writing of Acknowledgment and acquittance by Robert de Monthaut, Steward of Chester, for £34 13*s.* 4*d.*, due to him at the Feast of All Saints last part "sicom plus pleynment est contenu en un escrit endente, parentre moi et eux," in part payment of the 4,000*l.*, recovered by the same Robert and his wife Emma "en la Court le Roi a la quinzeme de Pasque" at Westminster 7 Edward II. Dated at the Chastel de Risinges.

2 December, 15 Edward II. Writing of Acknowledgment and acquittance by Robert de Monthaut, Steward of Chester, for 23*l.*, paid him by the Mayor and community of Lenn, by the hand John Burghard, in part payment of the 50*l.*, due from the same Mayor and community next Easter, in part payment of the 4,000*l.* recovered by the said Robert and his wife "a la Quynzeme de Pasque" 7 Edward II., &c. Dated at the Chastel de Rising.

—— 15 Edward II. Writing of Acknowledgment and acquittance, by Robert de Monhaut, Steward of Chester, for sixty shillings in part payment of 50*l.* due from the Mayor and community of Lenn to the said Robert "a la Pasque prochain suyaunt apres la confeccion de ceste lettre," of the debt of £4,000 &c. &c. Dated at Snetesham, on the Wednesday next after our Lady's Purification.

17 October, 16 Edward II. Robert de Monthaut's Acknowledgment and acquittance, for 4*l.* paid him by the Mayor and community of Lenn, in part payment of the 50*l.* due at the next Feast of All Saints, in part payment of the 4,000*l.*, &c. Dated at Snetesham.

16 December, 16 Edward II. Robert de Monthaut's Acknowledgment and acquittance for £8 13*s.* 4*d.* paid him by the Mayor and community of Lenn, in part payment of the 50*l.*, due next Easter from the said Mayor and community, in part payment of the 4,000*l.*, &c. Dated at Kenynghale.

22 December, 16 Edward II. Robert de Monthaut's Acknowledgment and acquittance for £30 17*s.* 4*d.* paid him by the Mayor and community of Lenn, in part payment of the 50*l.*, due next Easter in part payment of the 4,000*l.*, &c., &c. Dated at Lenn.

31 December, 16 Edward II. Robert Monthaut's Acknowledgment and acquittance for £10 9*s.* 4*d.*, paid him by the Mayor and community of Lenn, in part payment of the 50*l.* due from them next Easter, in part payment of the 4,000*l.*, &c. Dated at Chastel Risinges.

16 Edward II. Robert de Monthaut's Acknowledgment and acquittance, for £14. 13*s.* 4*d.*, paid him by the Mayor and community of Lenn, in part payment of 50*l.* due to him from them at the next Feast of All Saints in part payment of the 4,000*l.*, &c., &c. Dated at Chastel de Risinges on St. Margaret's Eve.

16 Edward II. Robert de Monthaut's Acknowledgment and acquittance for £2 10*s.* 4*d.*, paid him by the Mayor and community of Lenn, in part payment of the 50*l.* due to him from them at the next Feast of All Saints, in part payment of the 4,000*l.*, &c., &c. Dated at Chastel Risinges on the Eve of St. Simon and St. Jude.

— 16 Edward II. Robert de Monthaut's Acknowledgment and acquittance for 6*l.* paid him by the Mayor and community of Lenn, in part payment of the 50*l.* due to him from them next Feast of All Saints in part payment of the 4,000*l.*, &c., &c.

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16 April, 16 Edward II. Robert de Monthaut's Acknowledgment and acquittance for 21*l.* paid him by the Mayor and Community of Lenn, in part payment of the 50*l.* due to him from them next Feast of All Saints, in part payment of the debt of 4,000*l.*, &c., &c. Dated at Chastel de Risinges.

35–6 Edward III.—Four Writings put together on the same file,—

(*a.*) Schedule headed "Ceaus sunt les choses qe devent Custume a Tolbothe."

(*b.*) Schedule of the profits of the Tolboth of Lenn from Michaelmas 35 to Michaelmas 36 Edward III.

(*c.*) Schedule of the proportions of the Profits of the Tolboth of the town of Lenn, accruing "domino Principi, domine Regine, Orby and Suffolc."

(*d.*) The Account of Simon de Gunton of the issues of the Tolboth of Lenn to the Queen, the Prince, the Earl of Suffolk, and the heirs of Orby.

(*e.*) Memorandum :—Whereas the heirs of Robert de Tateshale or the assigns of Robert de Montalt as heirs of Hugh d'Albini formerly Earl of Arundel, together with the Bishop of Norwic, before the time of the last journey of the Justices into the County of Norfolk, both lately held and still claim to hold the lordship and jurisdiction of the water of Lenn, and claim that distresses and attachments for customs, plaints and all other things there arising ought to be made in the aforesaid water by the common bailiffs of themselves and of no other persons, the aforesaid Robert de Montalt in his life, that is to say, in the 3rd year of the reign of King Edward the father of the present King, appointed a court to be held on his presumption of authority at the bridge of St. Germain in Wygenhale by Walter Payn his first Bailiff there; Emma who was the wife of the said Robert de Montalt injuriously continuing the said Court has appointed Thomas Wolsy and John Philip to be her Bailiffs there, Which Thomas and John at this present time cause the merchants and other men, rowing and flowing to the said town of Lenn with their ships and boats, laden as well with men as with merchandize, and on their return therefrom, to be summoned in inquests, distrained, attached, oppressed and harrassed, both by menacing them with hurling of stones that they come to land and tarry, and by extorting heavy fines from them, by the which very many merchants are borne down and impoverished by such and so great oppressions that they have left and sold their ships and boats, and by usurping the jurisdiction of the King's courts, to his injury and against the form of the King's statute in that case provided, to the very great loss of persons passing that way, constrain certain magnates of kingdom, as for instance the Abbot of Cruland, and others who hold of the Lord King in chief by victuals and other the goods bought in Lenn water aforesaid, that to persons making plaint respecting them they answer before them for trespasses committed and contracts made in the county of Lincoln and other counties of the kingdom.

(*f.*) Copy of a Petition to the Lord Chancellor for relief from the excessive and extortionate demands of the bailiffs of the Tolboth of Lenn ; beginning "Plese a mon Seignor le Chanceller en salvacion de droit heritage de sa Eglice Dely et meyntenannce de droiture considereer southescriptz apartenantz a les custumes de la Tolboth de Lenn levees par les Baillifs extorseousement et saunz garrant en desherison des tenanntz mon dite Seigner et de toutz le comon poeple illonque repairant." Setting forth the words of the recent presentment

of the same bailiffs by divers of the hundreds of Norfolk "termino Pasche isto eodem anno coram Domino Rege apud Norwyk," the petition concludes, "Mon tresreverent Sr. cest' presentement fut fait al bannk le Roi a la darrein session en Norff' affyn qent due correccion dut avoir este faire par le Justic' solom droit et reson mes droit reson et loy sont mys a derer par un Supersedeas qe vient a le dit Justic sur ce en prejudice de Roi et de vous et de plosours altres Seignors et de vos tenauntz et de toute le comon poeple."

26 August 1382. Acknowledgment and bond of the Prior and convent of the Friars of St. Augustine of Lenn, for fifty marks of gold received by them for the said convent's use, of John de Beston, Professor of sacred Theology of the same order and convent, under conditions set forth in the instrument.

15 April 19, Richard II. Acknowledgment of John Merston, auditor of the Duke of Brittany, and deputy of the said Duke's receiver-general Richard Fitz Nichol, that he has received, from the Mayor and community of the town of Lenne, twenty marks of silver, of the issue of the farm of the portion of the Tolboth of the same town, pertaining to the said Duke, for the term of Easter last past.

1 July 20, Richard II. Acknowledgment of John Merston, auditor of the Duke of Brittany and deputy of Richard Fitz-Nichol the said Duke's receiver, that he has received of the Mayor and community of the town of Lenn twenty marks of silver, of the issue of the farm of the portion of the Tolboth of the same town, pertaining to the said Duke, for the term of St. Michael next coming.

- - 22 Richard II.—Acknowledgment of Robert, rector of the church of Marlyngford and receiver in Norfolk of the Duke of York's moneys, that he has received of Thomas de Watirden, Mayor of Lenn, by the hands of John de Lakynghith, ten marks of silver, for the farm of the Tolboth of Lenn pertaining to the said Lord Duke, for the term of St. Michael next coming after the date of the same acknowledgment. Dated on Friday in the virgil of St. Mathew the Apostle and Evangelist, in the said year.

20 December, 1 Henry IV. Acknowledgment of Edmund Aleshalle, receiver-general in Norfolk ot the moneys of Henry Duke of Lancaster, that he has received eight marks and half a mark of the usual money of England, of Thomas Drewe late Mayor of Lenne, for the farm of the Tolbothe of the same town, for the term of St. Michael last past.

——, 8 Henry V. Indenture (tripartite) of the Agreement, whereby, for the determination and perfect settlement of differences long existing amongst his sons in Christ and tenants of his town of Lenn, John by God's Grace Bishop of Norwich granted (together with other concessions) that yearly in the presence of the Mayor of Lynn, present either at his pleasure or if necessity require his presence for the prevention of discords and debates, there should be yearly chosen in each of nine constabularies of the Town of Lenn, by the same constabulary, three burgesses of the more competent and peaceful of the burgesses thereof, having sufficient tenure in the aforesaid town, to take part in the causes and affairs touching the same town, namely in all taxes, tenths, fifteenths, allowances, repairs of houses, walls, bridges, watercourses and ditches, and also in all payments, renderings of accounts and allowances, and all other charges and exoncrations of this kind, as often as it shall be necessary; So that if three sufficient, peaceful and discreet persons of this kind cannot be found in any constabulary, then burgesses

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shall be chosen from the other constabularies in place of those wanting, and that whatever the Mayor Alderman twenty-four or the greater part of them and the twenty-seven persons as is aforesaid or the greater part of them shall think right to ordain in the premises shall be agreed upon (et quicquid Maior Aldermannus viginti quatuor vel major pars eorundem et viginti septem persone ut premittitur vel major pars eorundem in premissis duxerint ordinandum ratum et gratum habeatur). Provided always that if any person or persons of the twenty-seven thus elected shall be less than duly sufficient, discreet and peaceful, another person or other persons may be chosen from his constabulary or their constabulary or constabularies or from another constabulary or other constabularies by the aforesaid Mayor Alderman twenty-four or the greater part of them, and the aforesaid twenty-seven or the greater part of them present in the common council of the aforesaid town: With provision of measures to be taken in case the said assembly should be unable to agree respecting the election of a person or persons in place of the disqualified person or persons.

20 October, 5 Henry VI. and 1426 A.D. Bond of the Prior and Convent of the Friars of the order of St. Augustine of Norwich for payment of twenty marks to the Convent of Augustine Friars of Lenne.

30 November, 19 Henry VIII.—Indenture of an Agreement, made (at the mediation and motion of Thomas lord Cardinal, Legate de Latere, Archbishop of York, Primate of Englonde and Chancellor) for the settlement of controversies between Richard by God's grace Bishop of Norwich of the one part and the Mayor and burgesses of the burgh of Bishop's Lenn of the other part; Whereby the said Bishop granted, together with other things, a lease for thirty years to the said Mayor and burgesses of the yearly Lete of the said town with all the perquisities thereof, and also the two courts called the Stewards' Hall Court and the Tollebothe Court, and all such fairs and markets waifs and strays as the said Bishop had or ought to have in the said burgh, and also his liberty and franchises of return of all the king's writs, &c., at a yearly rent of one hundred and four shillings.

4 May, 1 Edward VI. Indenture of a Decree in arbitration and agreement, between William Coke, S.L. recorder of Cambridge, Thomas Gawdy esq. recorder of King's Lynne, Thomas Waters and Raffe Downes burgesses and aldermen of King's Lynne, and John Fanne and John Ruste burgesses and aldermen of the town of Cambridge: For the determination and settlement of controversies and contentions between the Mayor and burgesses of King's Lynne and the Mayor Bailiffs and burgesses of the town of Cambridge respecting certain tolls customs and other charges levied of the burgesses of Cambridge by the Mayor and burgesses of King's Lynne, and respecting certain privileges and liberties granted to the two towns by the said King and his progenitors.

18 February, 18 Elizabeth. Writ of Inhibition, addressed by Edward, Earl of Lincoln and Lord High Admiral, to the Mayor and aldermen of the town of Lenn and their officers, Forbidding them to proceed further in a certain matter against Thomas Hubberd.

15 November, 7. James I. Indenture of a decree in arbitration, made by Sir Henry Hobart, bart., His Majesty's Attorney-General and Sir John Jacksonne knt., recorder of the town of Newcastle, arbitrators appointed for the settlement of differences between the Mayor and burgesses of Newcastle-upon-Tyne and the Governor stewards and brethren of the Fraternity of hoastmen of the said

town of the one part, and the Mayor and burgesses of King's Lynne co. Norfolk of the other part, touching tolls and customs.

17 October, 20 James I.—Indenture of an Agreement, made between Francis Gurney citizen and merchant-taylor of London, Ambrose Tompson of Thetford co. Norfolk glover, and Martin Hill of Ellingham co. Norfolk woolchapman, of the one part, and the Mayor and burgesses of the borough of Lenn of the other part: Whereby, for considerations set forth in the writing, the said Francis, Ambrose and Martin agreed to instruct the poor children of the said town in the art of spinning worsted-yarn, providing the wool needful for the same instruction, and also to give employment to the poor of Lenn in the same industry of spinning worsted-yarn, paying those of them that are not mere learners fit wages for their work.

7 August 1622.—Grant by the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity of Norwich to the Mayor and burgesses of King's Lynn: Reciting a certain deed of 1 May 1626, whereby the same Dean and Chapter granted a lease for twenty-one years of the "rectory of Sct. Margaret in Kynge's Lynn aforesaid, some[time] called the pryorie of Lynn and all gleeb lands tenthes tythes oblacions . . . . unto the sayd parsonage and rectory and unto the cappells of Sct. Nicolas and James within the walls of King's Lynn belonging and appertaining, &c.," at a yearly rent of £20 2*s.* 0*d.*; and Granting that a certain piece of ground, parcel of the premises so demised, may be taken into and added to St. Margaret's churchyard, for the needful enlargement of the burying ground of that parish.—Also Letters Testimonial, dated 4 August 1624, by Samuel bishop of Norwich, constituting the aforesaid ground sacred, and dedicating it to uses of interment, in accordance with the afore-described grant by the Dean and Chapter.

Besides the writings mentioned in the foregoing catalogues, the Corporation of King's Lynn possesses a large assemblage of Deeds (Grants, quitclaims, indentures of agreement, leases, acknowledgments, &c.,) municipal or private, from Edward the First's time to the 18th century, touching property, municipal or private, lying within the boundaries of the borough; together with numerous writings of the same diverse kinds, having reference to lands and tenements outside the borough now or in former time belonging to the Corporation. These documents preserve a large body of particulars, likely to be serviceable to topographers and other historians of Old Lynn; and persons who may search them for the sake of this information will have occasion to be grateful for the careful labour expended on their arrangement by the late Mr. H. Harrod, F.S.A.

At the conclusion of this report on an exceptionally interesting and valuable collection of municipal muniments, I venture to give public expression to my sense of obligation to the Town Council of King's Lynn for the facilities they afforded me for the performance of my official duties, and to several inhabitants of the ancient borough for social courtesies that rendered my term of work within their bounds a term of enjoyment.

JOHN CORDY JEAFFRESON.

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